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THE ORLEANS PRINCES IN THE FRENCH ASSEMBLY.

The Duc d'Aumale and the Prince de Joinville have taken their seats in the National Assembly at Versailles. If, as may well be supposed without casting any ill-natured reflection on the disinterestedness of their patriotism, they entertain ulterior views with regard to the future government of France, it is open to question whether the step they have taken be the nearest and most direct to the end they contemplate. Few will doubt its significance, many will be disposed to regard it as a strategical mistake. It is not, perhaps, to be unfavourably judged of merely on account of the fact that it was attended by little excitement. Possibly, time will show that in permitting the Princes to discharge those political duties to which they have been appointed by their respective constituencies, the National Assembly has aided the establishment of a counterpoise to the weight of influence wielded by M. Thiers. None but those intimately acquainted with the state and temper of political parties in the Assembly can forecast with much probability what the ultimate effect of the event will be. M. Thiers himself appears to have shrunk from enforcing, on his own responsibility, the restriction he imposed some months ago upon the Orleans Princes. It is not impossible that, however expedient the precaution may have appeared to him to be when he first resorted to it, the subsequent course of affairs has led him to question the wisdom of his policy in regard to that matter. So long as the Princes were excluded from a political position legitimately conferred upon them, and ostensibly excluded, moreover, by the extra-Constitutional fiat of the President of the Republic, so long they would appear to the French nation to be raised to an exceptional status above that of all other citizens, on account of the Royal rank which they inherited. Had they been allowed to assume without question the place assigned to them by their constituents, their future political career would probably have been determined solely by the aptitude of their statesmanship to meet the circumstances with which the Assembly has had to deal. M. Thiers's tactics may have averted some unseen dangers from his own Government, but they have certainly not freed him from this disadvantage—that they greatly increased the importance of the men against whose political power they were meant to be obstructive.

It was perfectly natural, and in every sense justifiable, that in the depths of humiliation to which she had sunk during the Franco-German war, the Princes of Orleans should aspire to serve the country from which they had been exiled for more than twenty years. They had nobly accepted the sudden reverse of their fortunes consequent on the revolutionary outburst of 1848. They had lived politically blameless lives wellnigh a quarter of a century out of France. They had held themselves aloof from all intrigues and plots aimed against the peace and order whether of the Republic or the Empire. There was nothing of ostentation or of public complaint in their mode of life amongst us. They had forfeited no claim to the respect of their own country during the long period of their legal banishment therefrom. They had earned a good name in England by the scrupulous discharge of all their social obligations. They had had no part whatever in the overthrow of the constituted order of things in France, but they had not renounced their birthrights as Frenchmen, and while they were perfectly willing to surrender all claim to more, they had never assented to their exclusion from the common ranks of citizenship. When France was beaten down by the organised weight of Germany they offered their swords to the service of their bleeding country. When that offer was declined by those who then occupied places of authority, they still risked their lives in the strife against the common foe. It was not surprising that when a full representation of the people was called for, the Duc d'Aumale and the Prince de Joinville were elected members of the National Assembly. It is not by any means certain that they would not, if left to their own will, have loyally fulfilled the functions thus assigned them; nor, perhaps, are there sufficient grounds for the conclusion that in the exercise of those functions their rank would have proved of material importance to them.

M. Thiers seems to have judged otherwise. As President of the Executive Power, and, at the same time, as the known and faithful friend for many years of the House of Orleans, he is hardly to be blamed if, during that period of confusion which immediately followed the election of the Assembly, he imagined that the presence of the Princes in that legislative body might compromise his own position and influence. It happened that circumstances had placed it in his power to decide whether or not these men of Royal rank should take their seats. It was competent to the Assembly to declare their election void, on the ground that they were legally exiles from the country. It was necessary also, even if the validity of their elections were affirmed, to repeal the law which forbade them from entering France. M. Thiers, at the commencement of the new order of things, had sufficient influence with the Assembly to make its will coincide with his own. He therefore agreed with the Royal Princes to remove the obstacles to their retention of the honours conferred upon them, on condition that they would voluntarily abstain from using their privilege. This promise was given, and, up to the beginning of this week, was faithfully adhered to. How it came to be set aside may be explained in a few words.

It is well known that M. Thiers has been raised to a higher office than that of President of the Executive Power by the vote of the National Assembly. He is now, and for some time past has been, President of the French Republic. The Orleans Princes, seeing in this fact the initiation, to say the least, of a more definite form of government than that tentative and temporary one under which they had made their engagement to M. Thiers, conceived the idea that they ought to be released from their promise, and made application to M. Thiers with a view to that result. The President thought he had not the power of complying with their wishes. He stated that he had communicated the fact of the agreement between him and the Princes to the National Assembly, and, having done this, he contended that the decision of release had been thereby removed beyond the range of his responsibility. A motion was almost immediately afterwards submitted to the Assembly itself, which the Assembly, with more sagacity than might have been anticipated from it, resolved not to entertain, as never having been party to the original agreement. So far, therefore, as M. Thiers was concerned, he had declared the Princes absolved from any pledge which they had made to him; and so far as the National Assembly was concerned, it declared that no pledge having been made to it, no absolution from it could be pronounced by it. Between the positive release given by M. Thiers and the negative release given by the Assembly the Princes thought they discerned a legitimate and honourable path to their seats. They have consequently slipped into them silently, but not furtively. They have exercised their right of membership by voting. They have not been challenged to justify what they have done; and now it only remains to be seen whether good or evil will come of it.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

FRANCE.

(From our Correspondent in Paris.)

Thursday, Dec. 21.

The Rubicon is crossed. After considerable delay and hesitation the Duc d'Aumale and the Prince de Joinville have taken their seats in the National Assembly. They prefaced this important step by addressing two letters to their electors in which they announced their resolution; and at Monday's sitting of the Assembly the question was brought forward by one of their supporters, M. Brunet, who asked leave to interpellate the Government on the subject. The discussion being accepted forthwith, he denied the right of the president to require an engagement from any deputy regularly elected, and added that the Princes had a perfect and incontestable right to take their seats. In reply, M. Casimir Perier announced, amid prolonged agitation, that, as far as he was concerned, M. Thiers renounced insisting on the agreement. Scarcely was the Minister seated than up started M. Desjardins, another Orleansist deputy, with an order of the day to the effect that the validation of their elections conferred upon the Princes the plenitude of their powers, which evoked an animated discussion—too long to be reported here, but in the course of which M. Pascal Duprat announced, in his own name and those of 120 of his colleagues, that a republic which delivered itself up to Princes was undone, and stated that the Prince's engagement was formal, having been made in the presence of the Duc de Broglie and other notabilities. Finally, a fresh order of the day, proposed by M. Fresneau, and which set forth that the National Assembly had neither responsibility to assume nor opinion to give an engagement in which it had not participated, was adopted by 646 votes to 2. This was equivalent to absolving the Princes from their promise, and accordingly, at Tuesday's sitting, they made their appearance, and took their seats by the side of the Marquis de Morny, who forms part of the Right Centre.

At a recent sitting of the National Assembly, M. Jules Simon brought in a bill concerning elementary education, which has been referred to a Committee to report upon. The question of merchandise traffic upon the railways, which has provoked several debates recently, has also been referred to a Committee charged with drawing up a bill to settle the question.

The Emperor and Empress of Brazil have arrived at the Grand Hôtel, with a numerous suite. On Sunday last the Emperor visited the President of the Republic at Versailles, and on Monday proceeded, with the Empress, to Chantilly, to see the Orleans Princes, where he remained until Wednesday. It is announced that he will be present at a review to be passed to-day at Satory, and which will be followed by a grand banquet and reception to be given at the Préfecture at Versailles by the President of the Republic.

It is announced that M. Rampont, the Director-General of the French Post Office, has been authorised by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to open, officially, with M. Stephan, Director of the German postal service, negotiations for a convention between France and Germany.

A schoolmistress named Louise Michel, aged thirty-six, of great personal attractions, has been condemned by the sixth court-martial to transportation for life in a fortress. She had fought in military attire with the Communists, had been present at nearly all the meetings of the Commune, and had been president of the revolutionary club held in the Church of St. Bernard. It would appear that Ferré was her lover. She avowed her participation in the insurrection, gloried in what she had done, openly insulted her judges, and demanded a place in the field of Satory by the side of her murdered Ferré. Her trial has caused a considerable sensation.

SPAIN.

In accordance with the wishes of the King, the Ministry has resigned, and a new one has been constituted as follows:—Senor Sagasta, President of the Ministry and Minister of the Interior; Senor Malcampo, Minister of Marine; Senor de Blas, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Senor Candau, Minister of Public Works; Admiral Topete, Minister for the Colonies; Senor Angulo, Minister of Finance; Senor Groizard, Minister of Justice; and General Gaminate, Minister of War.

The Cortes will meet on the 8th of January.

THE NETHERLANDS.

The Second Chamber, by 54 votes against 13, has adopted the treaty with England concerning Sumatra, and by 60 votes against 7, the treaty regarding the immigration of free labourers into Surinam.

SWITZERLAND.

The National Council has interdicted the settlement of Jesuits in Switzerland, as well as their educational and eccle-

siastical teaching. The Jesuits will not be allowed to erect new or to re-establish old convents.

ITALY.

Last Saturday the Chamber of Deputies debated and approved the Budgets of the Finance and Marine Ministers for 1872.

In the evening there was a numerous meeting of deputies belonging to the majority of the Chamber. The Ministers were also present, and speeches were made in which the latter and several deputies exchanged views upon questions of policy. The principle of unity of action between the Government and the majority was affirmed, and a junta was appointed to select the members of a committee which will be instructed to examine the Government's financial proposals.

The Chamber has approved of the budget for public instruction, and commenced the debate on the agricultural budget.

A meeting of the majority of the Chamber of Deputies was held on Monday, at which Signor Ricasoli was unanimously selected as the candidate of the party for the presidency.

The Senate has approved of the budget of revenue for 1871.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY.

An Imperial rescript has been issued convoking the Reichsrath for the 27th inst.

General Schwenitz has presented his credentials to the Emperor as German Ambassador to Austria.

Count Apponyi has been gazetted to the post of Austro-Hungarian Ambassador Extraordinary to the French Republic, and Count Chotek has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Spain.

GERMANY.

The Emperor, accompanied by the Prince Imperial, has been boar-hunting in the Hanoverian forest of Goehrde. Out of 160 boars started 136 have been killed, His Majesty having killed 21.

A section of the Bavarian Chamber consider that the Assembly should have some control over the Bavarian representation in the Imperial Parliament. In Thursday's sitting of the Munich Chamber Herren Schuettinger and Barth brought forward a motion declaring that the assent of the Bavarian Diet is necessary for any amendments that may be proposed by the Bavarian representative in the Federal Council, either to the Imperial Constitution or to such of its provisions as may tend to change the relations of Bavaria to the Empire. The motion, supported, it is said, by a majority, was referred to a committee consisting of double the usual number of members.

RUSSIA.

The Prussian guests left St. Petersburg on Tuesday, having received all kinds of honours and dignities. The Emperor, the Grand Duke Alexander, and other Princes, in Prussian uniform, accompanied them to the railway station.

The Emperor has ordered that leave be given to 50,000 soldiers till April next. It is stated that this step has been taken in consequence of the pacific circular of the new Austrian Minister, Count Andrassy.

TURKEY.

An official *communiqué* to the Constantinople papers announces that the Budget will be published before March next, and that it will show a deficit of about £500,000 only. The Government, it is added, will scrupulously set apart all the revenues hypothecated as security for the due payment of the interest and sinking fund of the foreign debt.

AMERICA.

The Senate has adopted a resolution demanding that a rigid investigation be made into all the branches of the Government service; a resolution directing an inquiry to be made to ascertain whether any foreign Minister of the United States is publicly connected with any speculative transactions, or has given the use of his name in their furtherance; and another resolution calling upon the President to furnish information relative to the present relations with Spain, and the treatment of American citizens in Cuba.

Mr. Tweed was rearrested on Saturday and imprisoned, but was subsequently released on bail.

Mr. Ackerman has resigned his post of Attorney-General of the United States, and President Grant has nominated Mr. Williams, senator from Oregon, to succeed him.

President Grant's Message has been well received by the American press.

The Assembly of South Carolina has by vote declared that the State had been defrauded by an over issue of State bonds, and a resolution impeaching Governor Scott and Treasurer Parker has been introduced.

Mr. Smith, Democrat, has been elected Governor of Georgia. He was almost unopposed.

The American 'British' Commission has decided that the United States are not liable for the debts contracted by the Confederate authorities.

CANADA.

The Russian Grand Duke Alexis arrived at Montreal on Thursday week, but there were no festivities, in consequence of the illness of the Prince of Wales. Thence the Grand Duke proceeded to Ottawa, where he has been the guest of Lord Lisgar.

A crisis has arisen in the local Government of Ontario, in consequence of the House of Representatives having passed, by a majority of one, a vote of want of confidence in it. Mr. Wood, the treasurer, thereupon resigned, the rest of the Government remaining in office.

It is reported that the revolutionary movement in Mexico has, by recent events, lost all chance of success.

An embassy, composed of five of the most prominent Japanese statesmen and a large retinue, has, according to a telegram from New York, left Jeddo for America and Europe.

A formal meeting of the Alabama Commission was held, on Monday, at Geneva. After the ratification of powers, an adjournment took place.

"H. von Klanck" writes to the *Morning Post* "that he is authorised to contradict the repeated assertion that her Majesty the Queen of Hanover has joined the Roman Catholic Church."

The French journals announce the death, at the age of fifty-six, of M. Brisebarre, the well-known dramatic author. The number of pieces he brought forward, chiefly in conjunction with others, is estimated at above one hundred.

It has several times been rumoured that M. de Lesseps has been negotiating for the transfer of the Suez Canal to a public company, but it is now stated that such a course is viewed with disfavour by the Porte and the Khedive.

It is reported by telegraph from Calcutta that a few of the troublesome Looshais have made another predatory descent from the hills, but were driven back by a Government working party with loss. The last mail announced the departure of the well-equipped military expedition against this force.

THE CHURCH.

PREFERRMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Allen, Maudford, to be Vicar of Winston, Suffolk.
 Bolton, F. S.; Rural Dean of Stafford.
 Bradford, Frederick Fowler; Rector of Wheatthill, Salop.
 Bradley, Gilbert; Vicar of St. Edmund, Dudley.
 Briscoe, John George; Rector of Otwell, Norfolk and Cambs.
 Boyd, J. W.; Vicar of Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks.
 Bellairs, Henry Walford; Vicar of Nunton.
 Cole, Thomas; Vicar of Shute, Devon.
 Connor, J. R.; Vicar of St. George, Lilleshall, Salop.
 Coddington, Henry Hallett; Perpetual Curate of High Cross, Herts.
 Daimpré, Isidore; Perpetual Curate of Mount Hawke, Cornwall.
 Davies, Daniel George; Vicar of Dixton, Monmouthshire.
 Deane, Francis Hugh; Vicar of Herington, Lincolnshire.
 Dobree, James Bonamy; Rector of West Tilbury, Essex.
 Garland, Arthur George; Vicar of Littleton, Hants.
 Gray, James Black; Rector of Crick, Northamptonshire.
 Hobkirk, J. H. C.; Rector of Hittisleigh, Devonshire.
 Houseman, John; Rector of Brobury; Vicar of Bredwardine, Hereford.
 Holman, W. H.; Curate (sole charge) of Thanington, Canterbury.
 Jackson, Percival; Vicar of Lonsdale, Devon.
 Kessler, Julius; Association Secretary of the Mission to Seamen's Society.
 Lea, F. Simcox; Vicar of Compton Dundon, Somersetshire.
 Marshall, Edward Douglas; Perpetual Curate of Hepworth.
 Morris, D. W.; Rector of Hasgurd, Pembroke.
 Miles, John Hawkes, Rector of Farway, Devon.
 Macksey, W. P.; Vicar of East Haddon, Northampton.
 Pigot, S. B.; Vicar of Bramford Speke, Exeter.
 Prior, Alfred Staff; Vicar of Castleton, Derbyshire.
 Partridge, F.; Rector of Rothsay, diocese of Fredericton.
 Fuller, F. W.; Vicar of Routh, Glamorganshire.
 Rushon, J. A.; Diocesan Inspector of Religious Instruction for Durham.
 Ram, Edward; Vicar of St. John of Timberhill, Norwich.
 Randolph, Edward Poyle; Rector of Kempton, Hants.
 Roberts, George Farrar; Perpetual Curate of Hollinfares, Lancashire.
 Rutter, Evan; Incumbent of St. John the Evangelist, Spittal, Berwick.
 Smith, Samuel; Rector of Landulph, Cornwall.
 Tapp, William Egerton; Rector of Maford, Northamptonshire.
 Tinning, G. Douglas; Incumbent of St. Clement's, Bournemouth.
 Twist, Thomas Howard; Perpetual Curate of King's Sterndale, Derby.
 Watson, R. C.; Vicar of Aston-sub-Edge, Gloucestershire.
 Whistler, Rose Fuller; Vicar of Iketshall St. Lawrence, Suffolk.
 Whitley, T.; Rector of Letchford, Herefordshire.
 Wilkie, Christopher Hales; Assistant Curate of St. Peter's, Thanet.
 Williams, Canon; Rector of Castle-Carminion, Welshpool.
 Williams, W. B.; Vicar of Church Minshall, Cheshire.
 Williams, William Wynne; Vicar of Bodewell and Rhosbino, Anglesey.
 Wood, John; Vicar of Wolverton.
 Worsley, Edward; Vicar of Evesley, Northamptonshire.
 Wynne, Edward; Minister of All Saints', Hatcham, Deptford.
 Whitlock, J. S.; Vicar of Leigh, Surrey.

The parish church of Boughton-under-Blean, near Faversham, was reopened for service yesterday week, having undergone restoration under the hands of Mr. J. P. St. Aubyn.

The Bishop of Manchester preached, on the 15th inst., at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, to celebrate the completion of additional new schools, to which his Lordship afterwards adjourned, and duly declared open in the usual form. They are built in the Early English style of architecture, from the designs of Mr. James Bertwistle, Blackburn.

We have at length an authoritative statement upon the point raised a month ago respecting the mistake made by the Queen's and Universities' printers in the new Prayer-Books and Church Services, by retaining the words "according to the use of the United Church of England and Ireland." Mr. Gladstone has instructed his secretary to state that it is the opinion of the law officers of the Crown that it is not correct to continue printing these words.

A special service, in connection with the Bishop of Rochester's Fund, was held on Tuesday last, in the parish church of St. Margaret, Lee, Kent. Between fifty and sixty clergymen of those districts over which the fund extends were present in surplices. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Rochester, who made a most earnest appeal on behalf of this great home mission work in the new metropolitan portion of his diocese. The offertory amounted to £151, and there were nearly 150 communicants.

The governors of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy held meetings on the 15th ult. and on the 16th inst. to give away certain benefactions distributable at this season of the year. The total sum given to clergymen was £1390, the number of recipients being ninety-nine. The governors also made grants amounting in all to £1658 to 130 clergymen's widows, aged single daughters, and children—those to the children being in aid of their education at schools or at college, and for providing them with outfits and placing them out in life.

The parish church of Hullavington, near Chippenham, was reopened on the 7th inst., having been closed six months. During this time a successful restoration of the chancel, nave, and south aisle has been effected, under the able superintendence of Mr. A. W. Blomfield. For want of sufficient funds it has been impossible to rebuild the tower, which, from being in so dangerous a state, it was necessary to pull down; for the same reason the north aisle has only been repaired and made safe, but it is hoped that further subscriptions may soon be offered to effect the complete restoration of the church. The Provost and Fellows of Eton College (patrons of the living) gave £200; Sir John Nield, Bart., £200; the Rev. Canon Jackson (a kind friend of the parish), £50. A font was given by Miss Carter, and other offerings have been made to the church. The whole restoration cost about £1100.

The new Church of St. Matthew, Criffins by Ellesmere, was consecrated, on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by the Bishop of Lichfield. The church is built in the Early Decorated style, and consists of nave, transept, and apsidal chancel, with vestry, organ-chamber, and bell-tower. On the north side is a porch, the gift of the Rev. W. C. E. Kynaston, of Hardwicke Hall, who has for the last two years carried on a service in the temporary building. The reredos, given by Mrs. Peake, is of Caen stone, enriched with green marble shafts, and has in the centre compartment an alabaster cross. The three windows of the apse will be filled with stained glass (from Messrs. Hardman), offered by the new Vicar in memory of his father and mother. Numerous friends in the neighbourhood and at a distance have shown by free-will offerings in kind their interest in the church. Among these the Rev. Cyrus Morrall, M.A., and family have contributed the font, altar linen, and alms-bags; Miss Stanford the altar-cloth, with embroidered frontal; the Revs. W. W. Jones, B.D., and H. A. James, M.A., Fellows of St. John's College, Oxford, the litany fald-stool and altar-desk; the Rev. J. Peake, B.A., Vicar of the mother church of Ellesmere, a brass lectern. A piscina and credence-table have been given by the Vicar. The altar-table was obtained by a subscription undertaken by Mrs. Kynaston. The architect is Mr. W. G. McCarthy.

The usual monthly meeting of the Incorporated Society for Promoting the Enlargement, Building, and Repairing of Churches and Chapels was held on Monday, at the society's house, 7, Whitehall, S.W.—Archdeacon Harrison in the chair. Grants of money were made in aid of the following objects:—Building new churches at Brandon, in the parish of Brancepeth, Durham; Kennington (St. John the Divine), Surrey; Leecey Park (Christ Church), in the parish of Erith, Kent; Redditch, Worcester; Stoke Newington (St. Faith), Middlesex; and Worleston, in the parish of Acton, near Nantwich, Cheshire. Enlarging or otherwise increasing the accommo-

dation in the churches at Dunterbourne, near Cirencester; Monkwearmouth, St. Peter's, near Sunderland; and South Leigh, near Witney, Oxon. Under urgent circumstances, the grants formerly made towards building the churches at Ryde, Isle of Wight, and Silloth St. Paul, Cumberland; rebuilding the church at Llangain, near Carmarthen; and towards re-seating and restoring the church at King's Pyon, near Weobley, Hereford, were each increased. The society likewise accepted the trust of sums of money as repair funds for the churches of Leeds, St. Mary, and Redwick, Monmouth.

THE UNIVERSITIES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

OXFORD.

The examiners in the Final School of Mathematics have issued the following class lists:—

Class I.—R. E. Baynes, Wadham; W. Becker, New.
 Class II.—F. H. Anson, Balliol; E. Anthony, Christ Church; F. E. Browne, Wadham; W. B. Foster, University; E. G. Harrison, Merton; D. Jones, Jesus; G. B. Longstaff, New; S. Lupton, Christ Church; S. P. Micholls, New; E. Rigg, Queen's; E. Roberts, Magdalen; A. Spencer, Brasenose.
 Class III.—E. G. Enfield, Corpus; A. G. P. Humphrey, Lincoln.

The examiners in the School of Law and Modern History have issued the following class lists:—

Class I.—J. Earle, Exeter; J. V. Fitzgerald, Balliol; H. Hardy, University.
 Class II.—H. E. Brown, Queen's; Lord Burleigh, Oriel; F. Cooper, Queen's; E. Durnford, Exeter; H. Hall, Merton; C. H. Jopp, New; G. W. Nish, Corpus; C. F. Parr, Exeter; the Hon. R. E. S. Plunkett, Christ Church; E. V. Somers-Smith, Merton.

Class III.—J. A. Alexander, Queen's; C. C. Balfour, Merton; E. C. Bovill, Christ Church; C. H. Cotes, Queen's; W. H. Cochran, Exeter; G. A. Holme, University; J. Jones, Jesus; W. H. Levinge, Oriel; E. W. B. Nicholson, Trinity; S. B. Osborne, University; C. A. Parker and E. H. Skrine, Wadham; G. Williams, Merton.

Class IV.—F. R. Beart, Wadham; W. Haines, Jesus; W. W. Hill, Oriel; D. Moore, Exeter; C. S. Morris, New; H. G. Pierce, Queen's; W. G. Rathbone, University; the Hon. E. Vesey, Christ Church.

The Classical Moderators have issued the following lists:—

Class I.—H. Broadbent, Exeter; A. K. Cook, New; A. A. C. Dunn, Gardner, Balliol; T. S. Dyball, Brasenose; A. C. Edwards, Lincoln; E. J. Edgood, Exeter; V. G. Lucas, Christ Church; E. N. P. Moor, Balliol; G. G. Newman, Pembroke; C. J. Ottaway, Brasenose; H. B. Otley, St. John's; F. R. Radcliffe, Corpus; J. F. Rowbotham, Balliol; A. Simonds, Queen's; J. F. Way, Brasenose; G. Wood, Trinity.

Class II.—J. R. Anderson, Balliol; H. P. Atkinson, Magdalen Hall; G. Baldwin-Brown, Oriel; B. H. Benson, Balliol; H. L. Burke, Lincoln; H. S. Butler, Brasenose; F. M. Chappell, Brasenose; E. H. Davis, Queen's; K. E. Fletcher, New; J. F. Fuller, Magdalen Hall; F. S. Haden, Christ Church; F. G. Hawes, St. Edmund's Hall; E. J. Hensley, Exeter; A. Higgs, Balliol; P. Hookham, Lincoln; A. W. Jerrard, Christ Church; H. F. Johnson, Trinity; E. Luce, Pembroke; A. L. A. Mason, Trinity; E. H. Moore, Queen's; A. E. Packe, Christ Church; F. J. Patton, H. H. Reiss, and J. H. Skinner, Balliol; G. H. Spooner, Pembroke; C. G. Tuckwell, Queen's; A. S. Walpole, Worcester; H. G. Wedderburn, Balliol; F. H. Woods, Jesus.

Class III.—W. Andrews, Christ Church; F. A. Bartlett, Pembroke; T. C. V. Bastow and A. J. Begbie, Trinity; R. Bren and R. Churchill, Worcester; B. Darley, Christ Church; A. F. E. Forman, Trinity; A. N. Fynes-Clinton, Christ Church; E. S. Garner, University; H. G. Grey, Wadham; H. W. Griffith, Queen's; C. Holcroft and L. Hoskyns, Trinity; E. Kenrick, New; C. A. Macaulay, Balliol; J. A. W. Madden, St. John's; W. H. Mallock, Balliol; J. Murray, Magdalen; G. P. Newers, Wadham; F. G. Paulson, Christ Church; A. Poole, Worcester; J. E. Pritchard, Wadham; A. E. Queckett, Brasenose; A. W. Roberts, Lincoln; R. H. Roe, Balliol; H. Shears, Queen's; F. N. Smith, Exeter; B. H. Streeton, Queen's; J. S. Thomas, University; O. R. Walker, St. John's; B. Whiteford, New; C. E. E. Williams, Brasenose.

Mr. F. S. Pulling has been elected to the Gifford Exhibition at Exeter; and Mr. Willcocks, commoner of Lincoln, to an open exhibition, value £50 per annum. A Casberd Scholarship in St. John's, open to undergraduates belonging to St. John's, has been awarded to Mr. Horace Dixon Elam. It is of the annual value of £90, and is tenable for four years.

CAMBRIDGE.

Previous Examination examined and approved:—

Class I. (those who have passed their examination with credit):—
 *Abercrombie, Caius; *Avory, Corpus; Eacon and *Banks, St. John's; Barrow, Trinity Hall; *Bates, Corpus; Beck, Trinity Hall; *Bentall, Jesus; Bensford, Trinity Hall; *Dose, Christ's; Doyle, Trinity Hall; Bradley, Christ's; Briggs, St. John's; Browne, Trinity Hall; Browne, Caius; Bryan, Trinity Hall; Burdett, Queen's; Buston, Emmanuel; Candy, Caius; *Caparn, Corpus; *R. T. Carter, Trinity; Cheshire, Catherine's; W. S. Clarke, St. John's; Coleman, Jesus; Collinson, Trinity; Cooke, Emmanuel; *Cumling, Trinity; Cunningham, Trinity Hall; *H. Darwin, Trinity; *Day, Clare; Dayrell, Emmanuel; De Jersey, Corpus; *De Renzi and Derham, Trinity; *Dewberry, Corpus; Dickinson, Trinity Hall; Downton, Corpus; *J. B. Drake, Clare; Dryden, Trinity Hall; Dudgeon, Trinity; Dunn, Caius; Durand, Jesus; Dunsant, Clare; Elder, Trinity Hall; Fairbanks, Clare; Follett, Trinity; Forbes and Foster, Trinity Hall; *Foxwell, St. John's; *Fyffe, Queen's; Gathard, St. John's; Gilbert, Trinity; Gorle, Clare; Graves, Trinity; Griffith, Pembroke; Griffiths, Trinity; Hall, Queen's; Hamilton, St. John's; Harris, Trinity Hall; *Hartog, Trinity; Hartree, St. John's; *C. Hawkins, Corpus; Hawley, Jesus; Hayes, St. Peter's; Hebert, Corpus; *Hemsworth, Caius; Henoy, Trinity Hall; Hewetson, Caius; Heycock, Emmanuel; Higgs, St. John's; Hillier, Downing; Hilton, St. John's; Hind, Trinity; Hooper, Emmanuel; Horsburgh, Trinity; J. Howard, St. John's; Hull, Ind. *T. O. Inman, and Lord Inverurie, Trinity; Jaffray, St. John's; Jameson, Trinity; Jewsbury and Johnstone, Sidney; *Jones, Queen's; S. S. Jones, St. John's; H. F. Jones, Trinity Hall; Kahn, St. Catherine's; Kilner, St. John's; Knowles, St. Catherine's; Koch and Lane, St. John's; Lee, Clare; Lewis, Corpus; Luscombe, Clare; Lyon, Trinity; Malle and Manisty, St. John's; A. H. Mathison, Trinity; Melody, St. John's; Nairne, Jesus; E. J. Naeson, jun., and Napier, Trinity; *Neepe, J. B. Norris, and E. S. Norris, Jesus; Oldham, St. John's; Orlebar, Trinity Hall; Orpen, Christ's; Ouchterlony, Trinity Hall; Parkinson, Corpus; J. C. Patterson, Trinity; Peacock; E. R. Pearce, King's; Perkes, St. John's; *Petty, Corpus; Potts, Sidney; Powys, Pembroke; Quilter, Trinity; *Ranger, Corpus; Ranisford, St. John's; W. J. Richardson and Rivett-Carnac, Trinity; Rivington, Christ's; W. P. Roberts, Clare; Robinson, Jesus; Robinson and *Rogers, Corpus; Salmon, Jesus; *Salmond, Sidney; *Saulze, Trinity; E. Sawyer, St. John's; Scott and *Shackle, St. Catherine's; Sharrock, St. John's; *Sim, Trinity Hall; Simmonds, St. John's; Slater, St. Catherine's; Spurgin, Stanford, Queen's; Starbuck, Trinity; Street, St. John's; Sullivan, Clare; *Swanwick, Trinity; *Taylor, Pembroke; Templer, F. H. W. Thornhill and A. V. Thornton, Trinity; Thorpe, St. John's; *Todd, Christ's; *Todd, Trinity; Trollope, Clare; Turner, Caius; *Tyas and Vardon, Trinity; Vores, St. John's; Watson, Corpus; Watson, Jesus; *Waugh, St. John's; Weatherell, Sidney; W. A. Webber, St. John's; Wesson, Christ's; West, Pembroke; Whall, Emmanuel; White, St. John's; *J. L. White and *N. Williams, Trinity; *W. G. Williams, St. John's; Winthrop, Clare; Woosnam, Caius. [Those to whose names an asterisk is prefixed have also passed and been approved in additional subjects.]

Natural Sciences Tripos:—

Class I.—Garrod, John's; Lydekker, Trinity; Lewis, Downing; Warrington, Caius. Class II.—W. Edmunds, John's; Fox, Peter's; Read, John's; Owen, Downing; Everard, Trinity; Mandley, Trinity Hall; Brewer, John's; Buddon, John's; Wigan, Trinity; Blunt, John's. The following acquitted themselves so as to deserve ordinary degrees:—Burrows, Caius; Murphy, John's; Phelps, Sidney; Pittman, Corpus; Wakefield, Caius. In the second class Fox and Reed are bracketed, also Brewer, Buddon, and Wigan.

Professor Sedgwick's appeal for subscriptions from members of the University to enable him to purchase a valuable collection of fossils for the Geological Museum has met with a prompt and liberal response. The required sum has been already subscribed, and arrangements have been made for the transfer of the collection to Cambridge.

At Trinity Hall a prize has been awarded to Francis Roxburgh, of the third year, as the result of an examination in law and modern history.

The Crosse (University) Scholarship, founded in 1816 by the Rev. John Crosse, Vicar of Bradford, in Yorkshire, "For Promoting the Cause of True Religion," has been awarded to John Sharpe, B.A., Fellow of Christ's. W. A. Hayne, B.A., of Trinity, was declared to have passed with credit.

Mr. William Michael Spence, B.A., Third Wrangler 1871, has been elected a Fellow of Pembroke.

The Reading Prizes at Trinity have been adjudged as under:—1. A. J. Mason; 2. A. H. F. Boughey.

The Rev. Wharton Booth Marriott, B.D., one of the greatest scholars of Eton, died suddenly a few days ago. He had recently resigned one of the masterships of the college, and he held an appointment at Oxford as lecturer and select preacher.

The Westminster Play, which was postponed from last week on account of the alarming state of the Prince of Wales's health, was produced on Tuesday night, in the old Dormitory of St. Peter's, Westminster, with all the usual apparatus, and received by the audience with a satisfaction and pleasure enhanced by the propitious turn in the event which caused its postponement. The prologue, spoken by Mr. R. W. S. Vidal, captain of the school, alluded to this circumstance, and expressed the sympathy felt by all for his Royal Highness, for the Princess of Wales, and for the Queen, in their severe trial. It also made reference to the loss which the nation sustained in the death of the Prince Consort this time ten years ago. The following is the cast:—Simo, A. M. Davis; Sosia, C. J. Boden; Davus, R. W. S. Vidal; Mysis, W. Heath; Pamphilus, W. S. Rawson; Charinus, F. B. Lott; Byrrhina, W. Brinton; Lesbia, F. G. Randolph; Chremes, A. E. Northcote; Crito, J. F. Reece; Dromo, R. G. F. Murphy; Personæ Mutæ, W. L. P. Evans and W. Hussey.

The mastership of St. Mary Magdalen Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has been conferred upon the Rev. Marsden Gibson.

Lord Lyttelton distributed the prizes to the pupils at the Hales Owen Grammar School on Wednesday.

THE SOLITARY HERON.

There is something, we conceive, in the pursuit of fresh-water fishing that inclines both men and birds so engaged to a lonely condition when passing their hours of vigilance, if not of industry, on the banks of a river or a pool. This heron, for example, portrayed in our Artist's drawing, does not care to seek the company of his fellows, though it is Christmas Eve; but they can be sociable enough at times in their colony of nests on the high tree-tops of the neighbouring woodland. An odd creature, the heron! *Ardea cineraria* he is styled in scientific Latin, but he is associated in our literary history with Old English pastimes, manners, and popular notions. He is a Shakspearean character; and if we consult Mr. J. E. Harting's delightful new book, "The Ornithology of Shakspeare" (published by Van Voorst), we shall learn a few curious particulars about him as a favourite victim of sport with the hawk. It is well understood that Hamlet's speech, "When the wind is southerly I know a hawk from a handshaw," refers to this bird, which was called the "hernshaw." The one word has been mistaken for the other.

It appears from an animated description of the sport quoted by Mr. Harting from Messrs. Freeman and Salvin's book on Falconry that in some parts of Holland the heron is still pursued in this manner for the sake of amusement. When he sees the hawk approaching, he is apt to lighten himself for flight by vomiting, which he can easily do, some of the food on which he has lately gorged. He then rises, mounting directly upwards by short rings in the air, and going down the wind; the hawk also goes down the wind a little distance, but soon turns against the wind, and flies back, rising to get above the heron, in order to make a deadly stoop upon him. This may take place again and again before the heron is killed, perhaps two or three miles from where the hawk was cast off; and it sometimes happens that the heron escapes after all. Our ancestors took great delight in the employment of the hawk to strike down the "hernshaw."

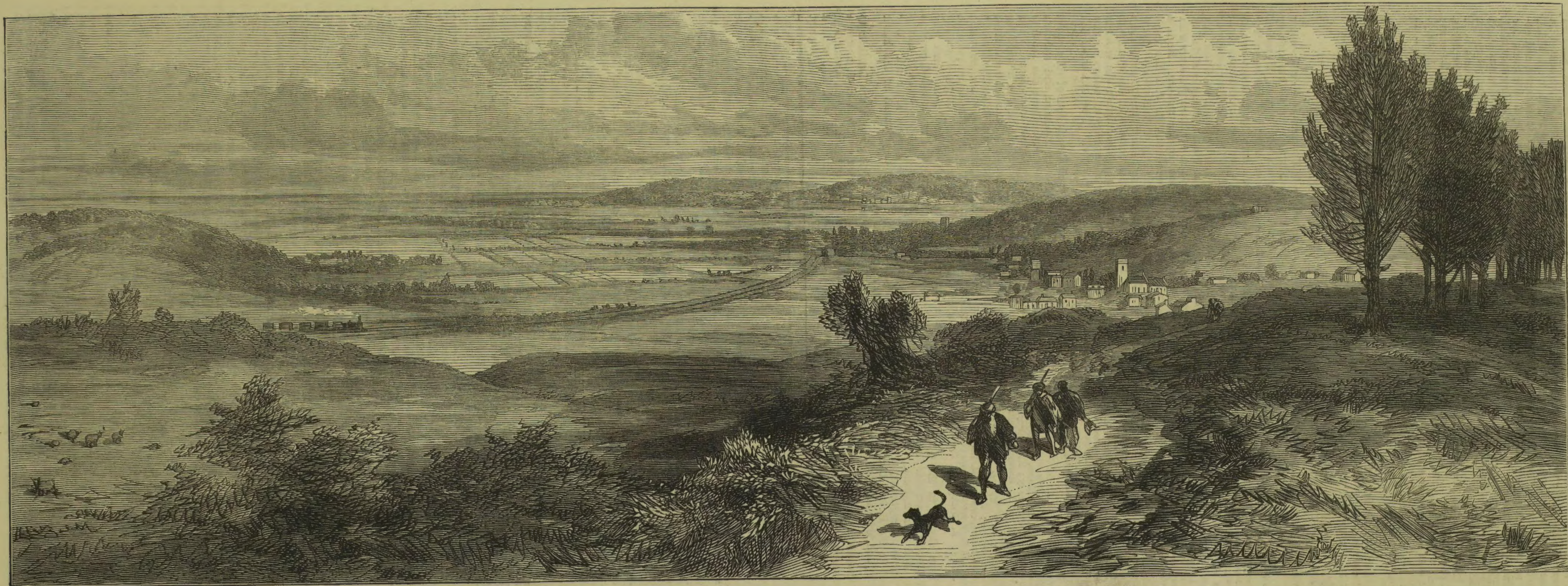
The figure and appearance of the heron are familiar to most of us, though some of us have seen him alive nowhere but in the Zoological Society's Gardens. He is about 3 ft. long, if we reckon the length of his neck and bill, with a stout, heavy body; in colour his back and sides are light grey, but the primary feathers of the wings are black, the tail is a deep slate grey, the long pendent plume that hangs behind his head is of a dull bluish colour, the neck and breast are nearly white. His beak is strong and sharp as a dagger, and he knows how to use this terrible weapon. A heron has defeated a game-cock in single combat. There is a story of one being shut up in an aviary with five owls, and pecking out the eyes of all before they were rescued. Savage men, in some countries, make a serviceable light spear of the heron's beak fastened at the end of a stick.

In Britain, since the spread of agriculture and drainage of swampy lands, the heron is seldom found, except where the owner of woods, fields, and waters has taken care to preserve him, like game. These birds, which breed in companies, make their large nests of sticks, lined with wool, aloft in the tallest trees, or sometimes upon high rocks near the coast. They lay four or five eggs, of a pale green hue. They feed chiefly on fish and reptiles, but will eat small birds, mice, and even water rats. The heron likes to catch an eel, but has a difficulty in swallowing or killing it, as the eel is so lithe, and wriggles about so. A heron may be seen holding an eel in his beak, and knocking it against a stone or the ground to kill it. On the other hand, our readers may remember, there is an instance recorded of the heron being strangled by the eel winding round his neck. A brood of unfledged water-hens, says the Rev. J. Wood, were taken out of the nest by a heron, which swam ten or twelve feet from the shore, in deep water, to fetch them one by one.

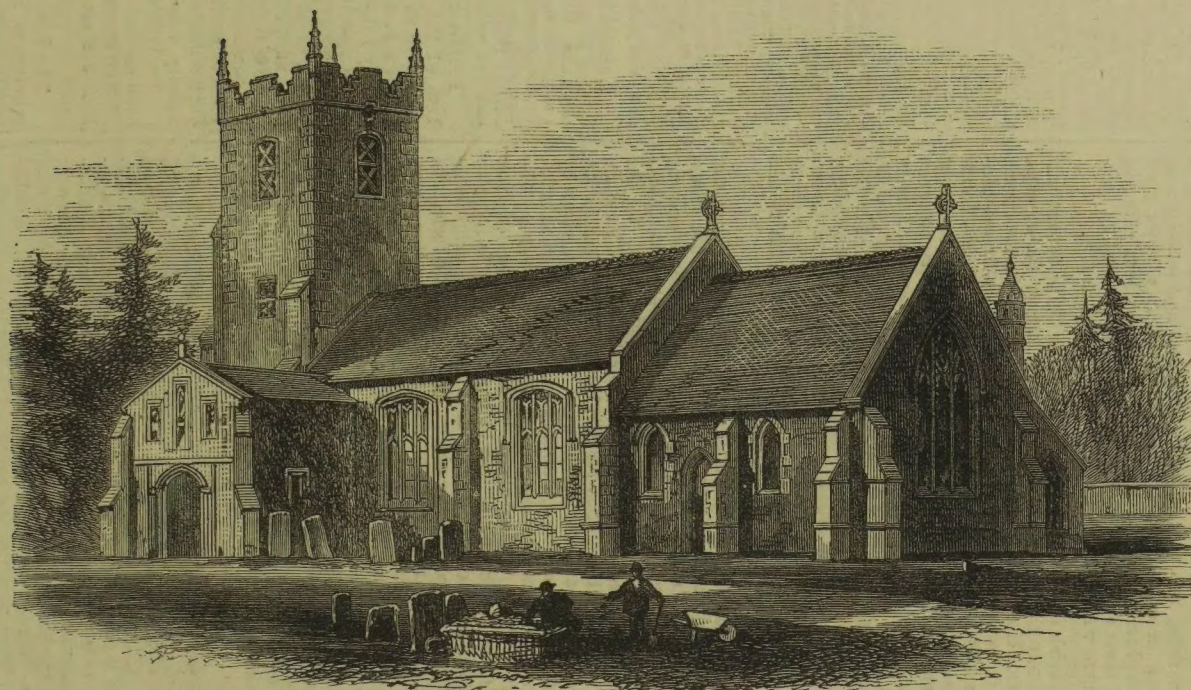
The species of heron common in this country, unlike some foreign species, takes his food by day; it is the bittern which feeds by night. Stationed at the water's edge, like a patient ground-bait angler, still waiting on Providence with immovable pertinacity, he watches from morn to eve for the passing of a minnow, a dace, or a small trout, or the rising of an eel from the muddy bottom. He prefers standing in the shadow of a tree, bush, or bank, where he cannot readily be seen with his sober grey plumage. His feet are in the water, but he does not mind that. There he remains, ten or twelve hours, perfectly motionless, his neck drawn back and head resting between his shoulders, in a queer composed attitude, reminding us of old Ralph Nickleby, or some such grim usurer, silently awaiting the sure approach of a victim. If the sun shine too brightly, and his destined prey do not come near, he will perhaps allow himself the relaxation of squatting on his bent legs, sticking his feet forwards, and spreading his wings to the air. But he is never tired of his usual business posture while there is a chance of getting anything by it. Clumsy as he looks on the ground, his flight is swift and strong, as we remarked above; with his long neck stretched out before, his long legs extended straight behind, an awkward flyer to look at, but a good one to go; for his large wings are capable of rendering efficient service.

Sir Richard Wallace has informed the tenantry on the Hertford estates in Down and Antrim that he intends to appeal against the decision of the Dublin Court of Common Pleas in regard to the possession of these estates.

The gable wall of a house in Ann-street, Dundee, was blown down during a gale on Monday morning, the huge blocks of stone of which it was composed burying a cottage adjoining, inhabited by a weaver and his family, who were all in bed at the time. One of the children, when dug out, was dead, and another was saved by the head of the cradle defending it from the falling material. All were more or less injured.



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BIRTHS.

On the 20th inst., at 43, West Princes-street, Mrs. Ernest Smith, of a daughter.
On the 15th inst., at Blair Castle, the Duchess of Athole, of a son.
On the 3rd ult., at Lima, Peru, the wife of Norman Evans, of a daughter.
On the 11th inst., at Beech Hill, Cork, the wife of Maurice Murray, Esq., D.L. and J.P., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On the 7th inst., at Trinity Chapel, New York, by the Rev. Dr. Meeklenberg, Captain W. Fitzherbert Ruxton, Royal Navy, son of Arthur Ruxton, Esq., to Sylvia Howland, daughter of Henry Grinnell, Esq.
On the 30th ult., at St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax, N.S., by the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, assisted by the Very Rev. the Dean, William Merrick Fowler, Esq., 61st Regiment, eldest son of John Fowler, Esq., of Netley Hill, Hampshire, to Katharine Mary, youngest daughter of H. B. Paulin, Esq., of Crouchers, Essex, England. No cards.
On the 12th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Tulse-hill, by the Rev. T. H. Watson, John Baptist Soldi, of 114, Upper Stamford-street, Blackfriars, and S. Grosvenor-villas, Brixton-rise, to Helen Mary, third daughter of J. Fletcher Bennett, Esq., of Carisbrook Villa, Upper Tulse-hill.
On the 23rd ult., in Lucknow, John Cameron, Esq., to Frances Flood, eldest daughter of the late Hon. and Rev. J. G. Handcock.

DEATHS.

On the 15th inst., at 17, The Terrace, Camberwell, Walter Cope, Esq., late H.R.M. Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Republic of the Equator, within a few hours of his completing the 90th year of his age. South American papers will oblige by copying this notice.
On the 19th inst., at Hastings, suddenly, Mary, the wife of Henry Graves, of 6, Pall-mall. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.
On the 6th inst., at 81, Ladbroke-road, Kensington Park, Catherine Elizabeth, relict of the late William Alexander Bartley, of 232, Oxford-street aged 71.
On the 6th inst., at 62, Albert-street, Gloucester-gate, Regent's Park, Eliza, the dearly loved wife of George Stubbs, Esq., most deeply regretted, aged 69 years.
On the 7th inst., at 23, Queensgate-terrace, W., Hamilton Hamilton, fourth surviving son of Edward Johnston, Esq., and late Lieutenant 9th Lancers aged 28.
On the 10th inst., at Downshire-hill, Hampstead, Mary, wife of Captain Irvine S. Whitty, aged 61.
On the 19th inst., at 105, Eaton-place, the Lady Georgiana Cathcart, the relict of the late General Sir George Cathcart, G.C.B.
On the 19th ult., at Mandeville, Jamaica, Alicia, the beloved wife of W. A. Doory, Esq., and daughter of the late Colonel Jervis White, Indian army. Friends will please accept this intimation.
On the 10th inst., at Angelsea, Hants, Ethel, the infant daughter of J. J. Galt, Esq., of Fernhill Park, Isle of Wight.

* The charge for the insertion of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is Five Shillings for each announcement.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 30.

SUNDAY, Dec. 24.—Fourth Sunday in Advent. George I. King of Greece born, 1845.
Divine Service: St. Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m., the Rev. Robert George Baker, M.A., Prebendary; 3.15 p.m., Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m., uncertain; 3 p.m., the Very Rev. the Dean, Dr. Stanley.
Chapels Royal: St. James's, noon, the Rev. Francis Garden, M.A., the Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal. Whitehall, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., the Rev. Professor Maurice. Savoy, 11.30 a.m., the Rev. Henry White, M.A., Chaplain of the Savoy and of the House of Commons; 7 p.m. the Rev. Stopford Brooke, M.A., Chaplain to the Queen.
Temple Church, 11 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, the Master of the Temple; 3 p.m., the Rev. Alfred Angier, M.A., Reader at the Temple.
MONDAY, 25.—Christmas Day.
Divine Service: St. Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m., the Very Rev. the Dean, Dr. Church.
Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m., the Very Rev. the Dean, Dr. Stanley.
Chapels Royal: St. James's, noon, the Rev. Francis Garden, M.A., Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal; Whitehall, 11 a.m., the Rev. W. F. Erskine Knollys, M.A.; Savoy, 11.30 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Barry, Principal of King's College, London, and Canon of Worcester.
Temple Church, 11 a.m., the Rev. Dr. Vaughan, Master of the Temple.
Royal Albert Hall, Handel's "Messiah," 2 p.m.
TUESDAY, 26.—St. Stephen, deacon and martyr. Bank holiday. Full moon, 9.35 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 27.—St. John the Evangelist. Christian Knowledge Society, 2 p.m. St. Paul's Cathedral, Lecture to Young Men, 8 p.m. (the Rev. Canon Liddon).
THURSDAY, 28.—Holy Innocents, Childermas. Royal Institution Lecture, 3 p.m. (Professor Tyndall on Ice, Water, Vapour, and Air). London Institution, lecture, 4 p.m. (Mr. J. C. Brough on the Philosophy of Magic).
FRIDAY, 29.—Architectural Association, 7.30 p.m. (Mr. W. White on the Hammer-beam Failures in Eitham Palace).
SATURDAY, 30.—Royal Horticultural Society, promenade, 2 p.m. Royal Institution, lecture, 3 p.m. (Professor Tyndall on Ice, Water, Vapour, and Air).

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 30.

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| 3. Stiff—tiff—if. | 7. Stale—tale—ale |
| 4. Price—rice—ice. | (Adam's or Burton). |

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.

LONDON: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1871.

The hope which, when last writing in reference to the condition of the Prince of Wales, we dared but timidly indulge, has been mercifully permitted to become almost a certainty. The Prince has struggled successfully against the disease to which at one period most persons believed that he would succumb, and a single daily bulletin is all that his medical advisers now deem it necessary to issue. It will be long before he is convalescent, for an attack like that which he has been called on to meet leaves its ravages behind it after its repulse; but we have reason to trust that every day is bringing a fresh accession of strength. It has been possible for the Queen and the younger members of the Royal family to leave Sandringham, and her Majesty's having obtained the physicians' sanction of her return to Windsor is the best proof that they regard all danger as over.

It is as impossible as unnecessary to describe the relief which has been afforded to the public mind by the happy turn which the Prince's disorder has taken. The great festival which it was apprehended that we should spend in gloom is now welcomed as a seasonable thing, and its observances will be in tune with the feelings of all. Those will be no cold or conventional words of thanksgiving that will ascend from the myriads of worshippers on Christmas Day. There is reason for every kind of gratitude. The life of an amiable and popular young Prince has been spared, a fearful affliction to the Royal family has been averted, and a political complication of no ordinary gravity has been taken out of the catalogue of necessary things. In whatever way we look at the merciful dispensation which we now chronicle, we see its benefits, and ought to be ready to acknowledge the goodness of Providence. There is no exaggeration in this view. Even setting aside the terrible suffering which another result would have occasioned to those whom the nation loves, we can hardly imagine a more disturbing, not to say disastrous, state of things than that which would have transferred the heirship of England to a Prince of tender age.

Thankful that this complication has been avoided, we are not disposed to make—using the phrase of the day—political capital out of the demonstrations which have been called forth by the Prince's illness. We might have been inclined to do so had we ever treated with gravity the absurd manifestations of an opposite character out of which in a dull season so much has been made. Some people had terrified themselves into the belief that Republican principles were spreading far and wide, and that because a few shallow gentlemen and a great many ignorant artisans cannot see that for

all practical purposes we live under a republic, to which are added the blessings of a settled order, we were on the eve of a revolution. These persons, who will do well to try to comprehend the English nature and the reason of our attachment to our institutions, may be forgiven for taking great comfort in the exhibition of loyalty which has been everywhere made. We also are delighted with it, but not because we had the least misgivings as to the state of national feeling. Englishmen have the best possible grounds for their affection for monarchical principles, and are not blown about by every wind of doctrine. As in private life the truest love is thought to be that which deals least in protestations, so in the case of a nation the best loyalty is that which insists on being taken for granted, and which only asserts itself verbally on especial occasions. One of those occasions having arrived, the warm and mighty heart of England has spoken out, but not to our surprise, because we knew perfectly well that the loyalty was there, unchanged and unchangeable.

It is not unedifying to notice the comments which have been made by foreign writers upon the sympathy which England has shown for the Heir Apparent. It is worth remark that there has been no pity expressed for unadvanced and insular folk who love their Queen. Even the French press, which has a patent for misunderstanding and misrepresenting us, has been pleased to find a gracious moral in what has occurred. So well, indeed, have some of the Parisian papers spoken of us that we cannot but feel that they must have intended to annoy somebody else, and have praised us, as Sir Philip Francis declared that a man should praise another—only in *odium tertii*. The spectacle of a nation excited from the highest to the lowest by the Sandringham bulletins, and casting itself in prayer before its altars for the life of a Prince does not at this moment seem ludicrous to the French journalists. They express admiration of the scene, and it is impossible not to feel that they mean to give bitter expression to the idea that in France there is no dynasty to be prayed for, and no people to pray for it if there were a dynasty. They cannot quite comprehend how all parties and all classes in England manage to lay aside hostilities, and to unite in one common utterance; but they see that there is a motive power here which urges us on such a course, and they have a half-suppressed conviction that it would be very good for Frenchmen if they could sometimes be similarly actuated. In Germany, Italy, Spain, of course we are judged by a higher standard, and very generous as well as very truthful recognition is made of the loyalty of the nation and of its special sympathy with its Monarch, but it is not remarkable that the subjects of an Emperor William, a King Victor Emmanuel, and a King Amadeus should understand our feelings for our beloved Queen.

In a far different frame of mind from that which we had feared would be ours at the time we approach the great Feast of Christendom, and if (to employ language used many a year ago in a Christmas number of this Journal)

We hail no roysterer's Christmas, such as in the olden times Bade us shout a jovial chorus to the music of his chimes, we shall celebrate the festival with cheerfulness and thankfulness, and the gravest thought, perhaps, that will mingle in our pleasures will be that the Heir of England, whose hospitalities and kindnesses at this season have been proverbial, is passing it in the silence of a darkened chamber. Heartily, affectionately, will be uttered in ten thousand homes the wish that he may soon be restored to his family and to society.

THE COURT.

The Queen, Prince Leopold, and Princess Beatrice arrived at Windsor Castle, from Sandringham, on Tuesday. The Duchess of Roxburghe and Colonel H. Ponsonby were in attendance.

Lady Waterpark has succeeded the Duchess of Roxburghe as Lady in Waiting. The Duchess of Roxburghe remains at the castle. Lord Lurgan and the Hon. Mortimer West have succeeded the Earl of Morley and Major-General Sir Francis Seymour, C.B., as Lord and Groom in Waiting.

Upon the anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort the children of the Prince and Princess of Wales and of Prince and Princess Louis of Hesse, with the members of the Royal household, visited the Royal mausoleum at Frogmore, and placed wreaths of immortelles upon the tomb.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales is, happily, making favourable progress. His Royal Highness has been removed to another couch, and passes the days and nights tranquilly. The bulletins are now issued only once daily. On Sunday the Queen, the Princess of Wales, Princess Louis of Hesse, Princess Louise, and the Duke of Cambridge attended Divine service at Sandringham church. The Rev. W. Lake Onslow officiated. The special prayer for the recovery of the Prince was read, and the name of Charles Blegg, the Prince's groom, was coupled with that of his Royal Highness. The Queen and the Princesses left the church at the commencement of the Litany. Special prayers were also offered in most places of public worship throughout the kingdom for the recovery of his Royal Highness. Prince Louis of Hesse arrived at Sandringham, on Thursday week, from the Continent. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar and Count Gleichen visited the Princess of Wales on the same day. The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Arthur, Prince Leopold, and Princess Beatrice left Sandringham on Saturday last. The Duke of Cambridge left on Monday.

The Prince's groom, Charles Blegg, died on Monday.

The marriage of Prince Czartoryski with Princess Marguerite d'Orléans, daughter of the Duke de Nemours, is fixed for Jan. 15 next. The dowry of her Royal Highness is to be a million francs.

According to the *Times of India* the famine in Persia continues, and cholera is also beginning to commit sad ravages.

"NOTHING IN THE PAPERS."

This is very hard upon godfathers and godmothers who had been waiting for the issue of the Revised Lectionary in order to present splendid Prayer-books to those for whom they promised and vowed. The titlepage of the new volume sets forth, as did the old, that it is "according to the use of the United Church of England and Ireland." But it occurred to some careful student of events that not long ago we heard of a certain disestablishment, and that there is no longer a Church of Ireland. Question being put to authority, answer has been made to the effect that no person has any right to speak of the United Church, and that mention of it in the new book is a blunder. So there must be another edition before it will be proper for sponsors to make their presents. This explanation should be generally understood in order that M. or N.'s vice-parent may not lie under the suspicion of shabbiness. Perhaps one of these days sponsors may also be disestablished, and there will be a good deal to be said in favour of such a process. They are clearly anachronisms. If a good opportunity could be found for revising arrangements made in times when people were more docile than they are now, it would be well to put an end to what is really a solemn mockery—not, perhaps, an appropriate accompaniment of the first religious observance in which a child is interested.

When a magistrate at a police court intimates that the press should take notice of a case that has come before him, the case must be very much weaker than the following to justify neglect of the hint. The matter chiefly affects the upper classes. Mr. Buckmaster appeared on Tuesday before Mr. Chance, at Lambeth, and stated that "a young lady, who had been tenderly brought up, was sent from the country to a boarding-school of some reputation in that district, where the terms varied from 60 gs. to 80 gs. a year. About a fortnight ago she was taken ill with a cold, which turned into congestion of the lungs. She was then sent to a dirty cottage, almost without furniture, put into a damp bed with damp sheets, where she died last Friday. The applicant said the cottage was unfit, from sanitary defects, for human habitation, and the paper was rotting off the walls, mildewed and damaged." The picture is too painful to be dwelt upon; nevertheless, it must be presented to parents.

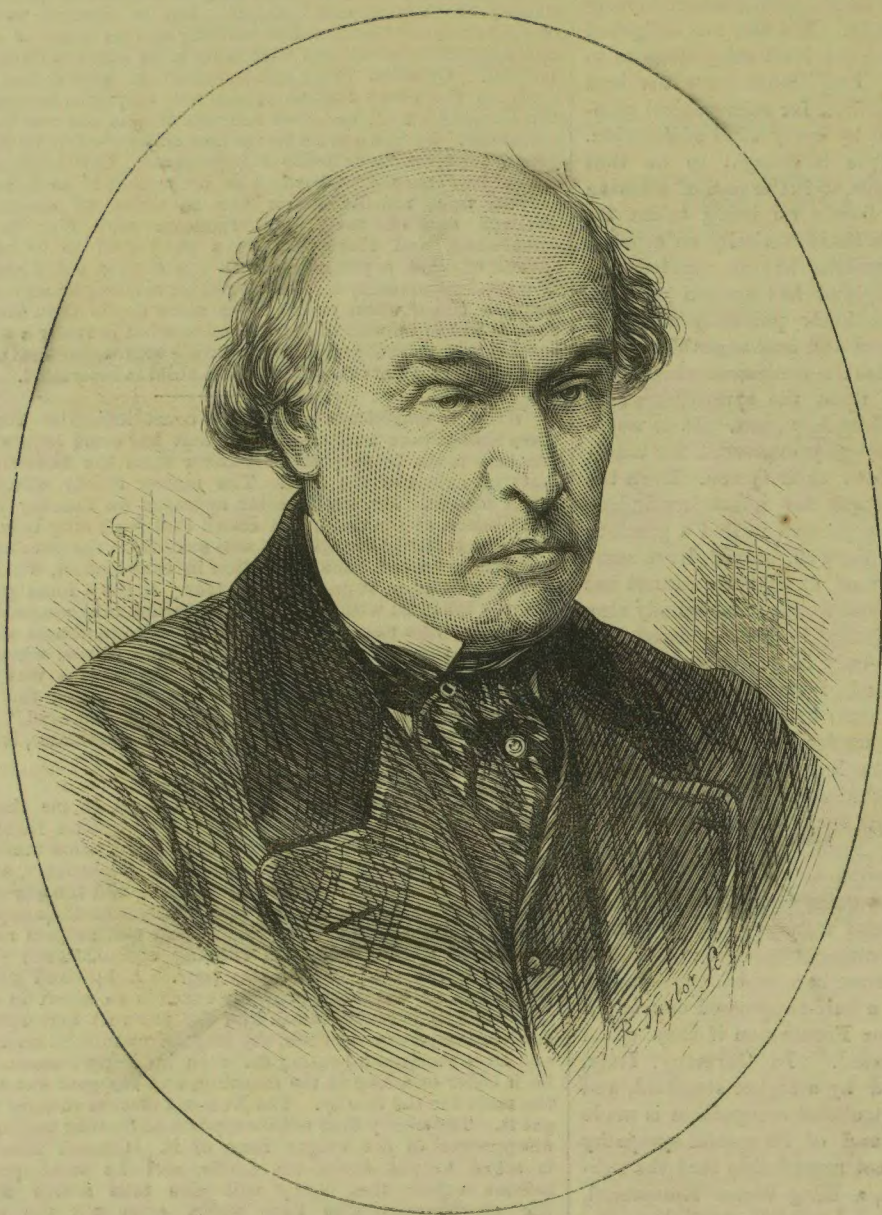
Another Lambeth question. It appears to me that the vestry of that district are behaving in vestryman fashion to the poor people in the New-cut. A miscellaneous market of the humblest kind is held there on Sunday mornings, and no doubt the scene is an ugly and squalid one, and the buyers and sellers do not behave much more gracefully than their superiors when the latter hold charity bazaars and stallkeepers rush at visitors to "tout." But in existing circumstances such a market is necessary to the very poor. A husband gets his wages late on Saturday, probably expends so much in drink that his wife is afraid to ask him for the rest that night, or, as a contemporary suggests, she may have ventured on asking, and have received a beating for such an impertinence. But he is sober or asleep in the morning, and she gets out to buy the meat for the family. The New-cut market enables her to get it. The vestry does not disapprove of Sunday trading, but disapproves of the vulgar form of it. Colonel Henderson is asked to put down the traffic, and he most properly refuses unless the vestry will also take action against the shopkeepers who keep shops open till the middle of Sunday. But this would be a crusade against comparative respectability.

We shall all be glad to see a great deal that is prosaic substituted for what is picturesque in Italy under the new Government. Many things that look exceedingly well in a picture mean, in reality, exactly what common-sense would sweep remorselessly away. The tumble-down cottage is charming in the album sketch; but it means damp, cold, dirt, non-drainage, and rats; a waterproof little house, with tight slates, and the pond drained away, is a much better thing. But it is not in Italy that one expects to hear of the extremely prosaic. Yet in Italy, the home of painting, the officials have set up a new rule of the coarsest description. An artist desired to take a small box containing some of his work by an express train. "No," sternly responded officialism. "Paintings are merchandise, and must go in the merchandise trucks." Appeal was in vain, the rule was hard and fast. Well, paintings are merchandise, in a sense, and a splendid one; but an Italian might be expected to look at a picture as something not to be put in the same list as pigs and potatoes. Why do not all the artists in Rome wax indignant and protest? The gallant King may not care very much about paintings, but the charming wife of the Heir Apparent has, among her many graces, a love for art. Her influence could easily get pictures declared to be something more than merchandise. Even in England we—let us see—yes, we actually let a print travel on a roller through the post office.

What has come on Scotland? There was a time, and it was not very distant, when the faintest allusion to the divine Burns awoke reverential acclamation. As in Cousin Fenix's days members of the House of Commons were expected to cheer when Mr. Pitt's name was anyhow mentioned, even though it was in connection with the fact that he had fallen down in the lobby, a speaker had but to name the "Bard of Scotia" to ensure rapturous approbation from the *perferwidi*. Times must be changing, and the old order giving place to new. Some piece was produced in the north, a few nights ago, in which *Tam O'Shanter's* adventures were shown. The costume department had been only too faithful to the poet in regard to the drapery of the lady-goblin that caught the old mare's tail, and a Scottish audience actually hissed. Socially and artistically, I have no doubt that the demonstration was a becoming one, and London audiences might take the hint; but the fact that while a picture by Robert Burns was in course of presentment Scotchmen hissed is a singular symptom.

The haunted houses are to be haunted no more. The ghosts have been already exorcised. The Stamford-street mystery is solved. Let those who wish to preserve a queer reminiscence of London go and look at the dingy tenements while they remain hideous; for in a short time scaffolding will arise, and when it descends there will be seen at that awful corner edifices as dully respectable as their neighbours. The Court of Chancery has been unfairly abused, it seems. Everybody laid the condition of the place to the charge of the Court, where, indeed, as one of its barristers told Chief Justice Bovill the other day, things are done much more quickly than in a court of law. A not very wise old lady (notwithstanding that she understood Latin, and therefore could have herself driven away any trespassing ghost), in the exercise of her undoubted right, left the houses to decay. She is gone, and an item of topographical gossip will follow her. I doubt whether there is a single ghost left in London. The spirit-rapper's "untrade-like falsehood" that it is the same concern is beneath contempt.

THE PRINCE OF WALES'S PHYSICIANS.



SIR WILLIAM JENNER, BART., M.D.



W. W. GULL, M.D.

The happy recovery of the Prince of Wales from the dangerous illness, which last week seemed to threaten us from hour to hour with the dreaded announcement of his death, is a theme of general congratulation throughout the kingdom. A few illustrations of the incidents connected with it appear in this Number of our Journal. The portraits of the three physicians who have been in constant attendance upon his Royal Highness during the last four or five weeks seem here to deserve our notice.

Sir William Jenner, Bart., M.D., takes precedence on account of his rank. This eminent medical practitioner was born at Chatham, or Rochester, in 1815, being a younger son of the late John Jenner, Esq., of that place. He was educated, we believe, at University College, London, where he took his degree, becoming M.D. of the London University in 1844. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1852. For some years past he has held the appointment of Physician in Ordinary to the Queen and to the Prince of Wales; and in 1868 a baronetcy was conferred upon him, in recognition of his professional eminence. Sir William Jenner resides in Harley-street. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society, and has been admitted by the University of Oxford to its honorary degree of D.C.L. He is the author of several esteemed treatises; one "On the Identity or Non-Identity of Typhus and Typhoid Fevers;" another "On Diseases Commonly Confounded under the term 'Continued Fevers;'" one concerning "Diphtheria, its Symptoms and Treatment;" and the Gulstonian Lectures for 1852, on "Acute Specific Diseases." He is physician to University College Hospital, and Professor of Clinical Medicine at University College.

Dr. William Withey Gull, of Brook-street, has long been known as one of the most trusted and successful members of his profession in London. He took his degree of M.D. in the London University in 1846, and was chosen a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1848.

Dr. John Lowe, of King's Lynn, Norfolk, has been the medical attendant of the Sandringham household since the Prince of Wales fixed his country abode there. He is M.D. of the University of Edinburgh, dating from 1857, a member of the Royal College of Sur-



JOHN LOWE, M.D., OF LYNN REGIS.

geons in England, and possesses other formal qualifications. His local practice and reputation are considerable.

A correspondent at Sandringham remarks:—"Sir W. Jenner would be the first to extol the exertions of his colleague who has earned from all at Sandringham, what he values probably only second to the approbation of his conscience, the deepest gratitude. In Dr. Gull were combined energy that never tired, watchfulness that never flagged—nursing so tender, ministry so minute, that in his functions he seemed to combine the duties of physician, dresser, dispenser, valet, nurse—now arguing with the sick man in his delirium so softly and pleasantly that the parched lips opened to take the scanty nourishment on which depended the reserves of strength for the deadly fight when all else failed, now lifting the wasted body from bed to bed, now washing the worn frame with vinegar, with ever-ready eye and ear and finger to mark any change and phase, to watch face and heart and pulse, and passing at times twelve or fourteen hours at that bedside. And when that was over, or while it was going on—what a task for the physician!—to soothe with kindest and yet not too hopeful words her whose trial was indeed great to bear, to give counsel against despair and yet not to justify confidence. These things I hear, and it is only just they should be known, for very certain is it that from him of whom they are said not one word of the truth like this would ever come."

This is an illness, too, which severely tests the endurance, the skill, the sleepless watchfulness of the nurses. The Prince has been watched by Mrs. Jones, who was a nurse from St. Bartholomew's Hospital—the same who attended the Princess of Wales throughout the painful affection of the knee-joint from which her Royal Highness suffered. She has since remained attached to the household. A second nurse of the Prince, in addition to Mrs. Jones, was Mrs. Thomas, her sister, a fever nurse, also from St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The portrait of Sir William Jenner is engraved from a photograph by Messrs. Wilson and Bendall; that of Dr. Gull from a photograph by Messrs. Maull and Co.; and that of Dr. Lowe from one by Mr. W. R. Pridgeon, of Lynn Regis.



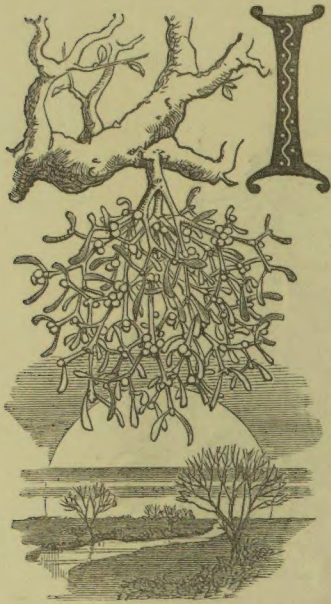
A MESSENGER FROM SANDRINGHAM TO LYNN REGIS.



NEWSBOYS WITH LATEST ACCOUNTS OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

CHRISTMAS IN AUSTRALIA.

The sun is here—the sun is there—
But one has frost—the other glare!—A DIGGER.



giblet one!" cried Fastboy. "All jelly at the top, and neck-or-nothing at the bottom, with spiced steak all round. This is the best!"

"No, no!" interposed Miss Smiler; "don't have any, dear. There's onion in it—I see some—and you'll repent it when you do the next waltz with Captain Popaway!"

"She will not, must not, shall not regret it!" ejaculated the gallant volunteer officer. "Mrs. Ballbelle, I entreat of you to partake of that giblet-pie; and, as I am to have the honour of your waist-band, I should have said—in the next waltz, I also will eat some. In fact, I will take most of the onion part myself, so that it may dominate over any slight—any slight!"

"Oh, stow such stuff!" cried young Tartboy, banging off a champagne bottle. "Who's for the first froth?"

"But who," shouted handsome old Major Dubbs—"who will allow me to send them a slice of the roast beef of Young Australia, in commemoration of the favourite Christmas joint of Old England? Cold, of course; but here's plenty of mustard and hot pickles. Also plum-pudding—cold, too—but there's plenty of brandy in it."

This group is but one of many groups of from seven to twelve or thirteen, all seated, lolling, standing, or reclining in not very geometrical circles, and squares, and ovals, all over a sort of haylike grass, dried and tanned by the blazing heat of an Australian December; and beneath trees whose shadow, chiefly confined to that of their trunks, requires every assistance from little tents, umbrellas, parasols, and broad-brimmed hats. The foliage depicted by our artist was probably drawn after an umbrageous dream of Kensington Gardens and the banks of old Thames—no bad compliment from Mother England, in her summer life, to her dear antipodean sons and daughters on their Christmas Day.

Now the swings begin to fly and swoop close up to the lower branches of the trees, while waltz and galopade continue, in defiance of the heat, to the music of a brass band, every instrument of which is played as loudly as possible, for fear it should not be properly heard amidst the noise of talking, singing, laughing, and bangs and pops of cork-drawing continually filling the air.

"Look!" cries Mr. Quartzman, pointing to the river edge, near which the picnic was held. "Look! Here come Charley Sheepfolder and Miss Millionaire in Lieutenant Paddler's boat, with Mrs. and the Miss Fastmores and Captain Cardclub in another boat just behind the trees. Oho! Come along—make haste! There's nothing left but pie-crust, chicken-drumsticks, and a ham-bone. Come along—come to our party, and we'll try and find you half a bottle of ale." A lady's shrill and sweet voice now exclaims, "Don't mind what Mr. Quartzman says! Here's a fresh hamper, full of everything!"

The ladies from the boats, now arriving, are found to have been splashed with weedy water, and, all speaking together, they describe the narrow escape they had of being upset by the awkwardness of young Spruceblade and the imprudent shifting about of Miss Kake. They were within an inch of being all in the river.

"And who," said Mr. Quartzman—"who could have saved your lives? You ought to have had Old Starrybelt with you."

"You mean Cornucopia, I suppose," said Mrs. Fastmore, laughing.

"Yes, fair Madam," replied Quartzman. "He gave a Swimming Tournament at St. Kilda a few days before he sailed for the old country, in which he and the champion swimmer, Steedman, gave an illustration of 'how a drowning man may be saved with a straw.'"

"Yes, but we weigh more than straws!" cried Miss Fastmore, with exquisite logic. "We flatter ourselves we do, Sir. And we don't want any of your chaff."

By this time the spirits of the collective group being elevated to that pitch when nothing but dancing seems capable, on these occasions, of serving as an adequate escape-valve, the whole company rose and divided themselves into parties for Scotch reels. These were instantly followed by Irish jigs. Then, without stopping to take breath, they all danced a polka, then a galop, and finally a waltz à deux temps, played as fast as possible—which, of course, is the same thing as no time. And this brought several couples ungracefully to the ground, amidst the loud and most unsympathising laughter of all the rest. "God Save the Queen" was then sung by the whole company, as they made their way, in a slightly disorderly manner, to their respective carriages, cabs, horses, and boats, on their return homeward.

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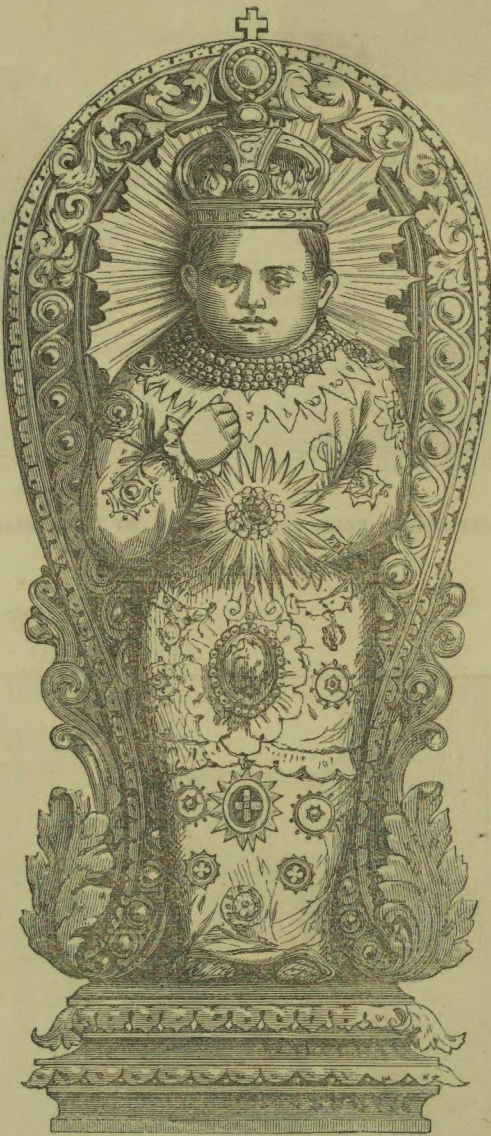
The late Miss Wood, of Hermitage Park, Leith, has bequeathed an aggregate sum of £13,000 to various Edinburgh and Leith institutions and societies.

At Hanwell Asylum, last week, John Clark, aged fifty-five, died from a broken leg, caused by an accident. The deceased was formerly a saddler carrying on business at Hampstead, and during his residence there fell in love with a nobleman's daughter, who was a customer. He followed the lady to Bath, and sent several love-letters to her, the result of which was that he eventually was sent to prison. This so preyed upon his mind that he became insane, and was sent to Hanwell about three years ago.

THE PRESEPE AND THE BAMBINO.

The church of the "Ara Coeli," or Altar of Heaven, belonging to a convent of Franciscan friars, is situated on the hill of the Capitol at Rome, and precisely where the ancient Temple of Jupiter stood from an early age of that city. It is approached by a flight of steps to the left hand of those which lead directly up to the Piazza del Campidoglio, where the equestrian bronze statue of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, with the other statues on each side of it, guard the passage from modern Papal Rome to the ruins of Imperial Rome, which lie beyond, the Forum, the Palatine, and the Coliseum.

The most remarkable sight to be witnessed by strangers in the church of the Ara Coeli, especially at Christmas-time, is the exhibition of the "Sacro Bambino," or Sacred Baby, a wooden image of the Infant Jesus, and the "Presepe," Stall, or Manger, an ecclesiastical pageant got up here, as elsewhere in Italy, for the edification of young folk, setting before their eyes a moving and living picture of the Nativity of Christ, with the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, the Magi or Shepherd Kings of the East, and other personages of the gospel history, represented in dumb show. Meanwhile a child, or perhaps two children, previously trained and tutored, may be heard to recite a short narrative of the subject, to exchange simple comments in question and answer, or to utter exhortations of piety, and to offer prayers. The readers of Hans Christian Andersen's romantic tale, "The Improvisatore," will not have forgotten that a little Roman girl, afterwards the heroine of the love-story, is described as being engaged, in her tender infancy, to assist in this performance. It goes on daily, from Christmas to Epiphany, or Twelfth Day, and is attended by multitudes of spectators and auditors. The parents come with their children, and the poorer class of people are, perhaps, willing to enjoy a pretty, fantastic, entertaining show as well as to take their share of the blessing derived from its religious



THE BAMBINO OF THE ARA COELI CHURCH, ROME.

patronage and sanction. The Mystery Plays of the Middle Ages, formerly so popular in every country of Western Europe, and still practised at Ober-Ammergau, bear the same relation to this of the Presepe as the secular theatre does to an elaborate puppet-show.

The Bambino of the Ara Coeli is a figure from 20 in. to 24 in. high, with face painted in imitation of life. It is rather a fine piece of work. The tradition is that a monk in the early ages who went to Jerusalem carved the image from a piece of olive wood on the Mount of Olives, and that when he had finished he fell asleep, and that St. Luke the Evangelist, who is said to have been an artist as well as a medical man, came in a vision and painted the work. The monk, on his way home, was wrecked; but, although the ship was lost, the sacred image floated into Leghorn. It soon became celebrated, and was transferred to the Capitoline Hill at Rome. One of its titles is that of the "Little Doctor," and people who are ill send for it. The image is carried through the streets in procession to the bedside of the sick. It has a very large practice in Rome, and is said to earn as much money as all the doctors of the city together. It is thus a source of revenue to the Franciscan Order, who have charge of it; and the figure is covered with jewels of great value: pearls, diamonds, and gems of every kind cover it from head to foot. The shoes are of gold, and one is a little higher than the other, as if held up; this is the one that is kissed by the faithful. There is a small chapel dedicated to the Bambino; and when a crowd is gathered, the monk, after a service, carries the figure round for each to kiss the foot; he wipes the place each time with a cloth. When a call is made for it as the "Little Doctor," it is put into a box lined inside with satin, covered outside with red velvet, having the monogram I.H.S. in gold upon it. A cushion is placed inside the box. On this the Bambino is laid, with a coverlet thrown over it. So a monk carries it away, two candles and a cross preceding it; and people in the streets kneel down as it passes them on its miraculous healing errand.

THE CHRISTMAS BOAR'S HEAD.



PLENTY of good eating and drinking, no less than the cheerful solemnity of a religious thanksgiving, has always been held characteristic of the English Christmas. The social enjoyment of a very special dinner, with ingredients and ornaments peculiar to this yearly feast, has been understood as a matter of course. But fashions and tastes have changed since the age of the Tudor kings and queens, and some traditional features of the gastronomic entertainment are now seldom found in our country households. The famous Boar's Head, which ranked on this occasion even before the Turkey and Sirloin in the esteem of the English host and guests, cannot often be served according to the usage of our jovial ancestors. We can fancy, however, the scene formerly presented by

the interior of an old manor-hall, profusely decked with evergreens, holly, ivy, laurel, and the mistletoe bough, where the blazing yule-log casts from the hearth its ruddy glow upon the unfaded colours of pictorial tapestry, the emblazoned scutcheons, the painted windows, and the family portraits, the shields, swords, lances, and bows, the antlered heads of deer, and other notable objects hung on the oak-panelled walls. The long and broad tables, spread with fair white linen cloths, are laden with clean wooden platters and trenchers, baskets of bread, mugs and tankards (earthenware or pewter), great pitchers of ale at the lower end, silver flagons of wine and cups of precious metal or crystal at the upper board on the raised floor or dais. The fine old English country gentleman, arrayed in his best clothes, his doublet of crimson, his gold chain, his plumed cap of dignity, his lace collar and ruffles, stands at the head of the room, with his lady beside him, not less bravely dressed, and with all their kinsfolk and friends of equal rank at the same high table; while the seats below are filled in due order by the attached yeomanry, the burgesses of a neighbouring town, the dependents of the wealthy household and estate of their common patron. The parson or chaplain says grace in Latin, to which they all reverently listen; a crash of music from the minstrels' gallery overhead—drum, fife, and trumpet—then stuns the ears of the company, and their eyes are turned to the open door. In marches the steward, with his white wand of office, followed by the chief cook, whose figure may be seen in the agreeable picture by Mr. H. S. Marks, A.R.A., an Engraving of which appears on our front page. He bears in a capacious dish the noblest of Christmas viands—a soused Boar's Head, decorated with bay and rosemary, and having a lemon stuck between its grinning teeth. The footmen in attendance, the assistant cooks, the scullions, and other domestics, forming a double line behind, quickly pass on to each other, from the kitchen, the articles needful to begin the feast. Meantime, the most sonorous and effective voice in the hall raises the accustomed song for this ceremony of

BRINGING IN THE BOAR'S HEAD.

*Caput apri deferat;
Reddens laudes Domino.*

The Boar's Head in hand bring I,
With garlands gay and rosemary;
I pray you all sing merrily,
Qui estis in convivio.

(Chorus repeats the last line.)

The Boar's Head, I understand,
Is the chief dish in all this land;
Look, wherever it be fand,
Servite cum cantico.

(Chorus.)

Be glad, Lords, both more and lass,
This hath ordained our stew-ard,
To cheer you all this Christmass,
The Boar's Head eaten with mus-tard.

(Chorus.)

SANDRINGHAM AND THE PRINCE'S ILLNESS.

In addition to the portraits of the three physicians who have attended the Prince of Wales during his long illness at Sandringham House, we present some views of that neighbourhood, where the Queen and her sons and daughters have lately been kept in distressing anxiety, and have shared the daily and nightly toils of watchers at the sick man's bed. The mansion erected by his Royal Highness, a few years ago, for his country residence is near Castle Rising, in Norfolk, and not very far from Lynn Regis or King's Lynn, on the south-eastern shore of the Wash. The railway from Lynn to Hunstanton, running parallel with the sea-coast, has a station at Wolferton, three miles from Castle Rising, and seven or eight from the town of Lynn. A mile or two further on is the hamlet of Dersingham. On the right hand of a traveller going towards Hunstanton is Sandringham House, with its park and plantations, its small parish church, and the cottages and farm-buildings of the Prince's estate. The largest of our three Engravings shows the view from the park or gardens of Sandringham, looking to the north-west—that is, across the line of railway, and in the direction of the Wash. The village seen on the right hand is Dersingham, towards which the train is coming from the Wolferton station. Both these places lie on ground lower than the undulating hills of Sandringham, which are composed of drift or gravel, and must have been the original boundary of the sea; anchors are still found here and there imbedded in the soil. The Prince has planted firs and other trees in great abundance, and they are thriving well on his estate, affording plenty of cover to the pheasants which he desires to preserve. Our View in the Sandringham deer-park, close to the hamlet of West Newton, is engraved from a photograph by Mr. Vernon Heath; and so is the view of Sandringham church. Her Majesty the Queen, with Princess Alice and Princess Louise, as well as the Princess of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and Prince Louis of Hesse, attended Divine worship in this little church on Sunday last.

Sandringham church stands on a hillock adjoining the north side of the park, and is a well-proportioned little building, comprising nave, chancel, south porch, and square tower, with one bell. On the tower during the hours of service

floats the naval pennant. According to the county history, this church was beautifully and judiciously restored by Lady Harriet Cowper, daughter and coheir of the Earl of Blessington, and wife of the Hon. C. Spencer Cowper, in memory of their child, Marie Harriett Cowper. The chancel is in the Decorated style, and the rest of the edifice Perpendicular. Over the arch of the porch is a well-sculptured figure of a guardian angel. The east window is filled with stained glass. There are several other stained-glass windows and some of Munich glass, in which the subjects are simply traced in outline on a golden ground. The font is new, but its tall, crocketed cover is of the time of Henry VII. The pulpit is of stone, with a marble shaft and ecclesiastical devices in glass mosaic. There are two stones robbed of their brasses; one of them bears an inscription to William Cobbis, who died in 1546. The parish register dates from 1557.

The rectory, valued at £200 a year, with that of Babingley annexed, is in the patronage of the Prince, and the Incumbent is the Rev. W. Lake Onslow, R.N., who has a good residence and thirty-two acres of glebe. The Rector was presented to the living in July, 1866, by his Royal Highness the Prince as patron. Mr. Onslow had before been the special naval instructor to the Duke of Edinburgh, in the Euryalus, in the Mediterranean squadron; the St. George, in the North American and West Indies; the Ragoon, the Mediterranean and Cape. Mr. Onslow has served in the Navy twenty-one years as chaplain and naval instructor in every part of the world, and received this living on completing his term of service. Besides the naval pennant floating over the tower, which bespeaks the chaplain's attachment to his old service, there may be seen affixed over the door of the Rectory a little plate which announces it to be situated in lat. 52°49' N., long. 0°3' E., a calculation duly made by the Rector himself, and vouched to be correct. The service is pleasingly chanted by the children from the schools of the Princess of Wales, the Prince, and the Rector, who support them by joint contributions. There are about sixty children, with schools from the parishes of Sandringham, Babingley, and the neighbourhood.

The medical bulletins issued by the physicians of his Royal Highness three or four times a day were instantly telegraphed to London, there being a private telegraph office in Sandringham House, and inquiries as to the Prince's condition were promptly answered by the same means. But express messages were frequently sent to Lynn upon various urgent occasions, and many a hard gallop over the road to that town or to the nearest railway station had the Prince's grooms and other servants to perform at their best speed. We in London shall not easily forget the intense eagerness of all classes of our population, last week, to get the morning, mid-day, and evening news from Sandringham. The sale of the *Echo*, *Globe*, and other papers in the afternoon by the active little boys who are so busy at certain hours in the Strand was a scene of excitement that must have struck the attention of every passenger. It was not the less brisk for the opportunity of reading copies of the medical bulletins displayed in many parts of the City, at the police-stations, the post-offices, and in shop-windows, or behind the railings of courts and gardens.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The general post, or first delivery, will be the only delivery in London and its suburbs on Christmas Day. In London generally and the immediate suburbs letters for the night mails must be posted in the pillar letter-boxes, as there will be no collection from receiving-houses on that day. The General Post Office and the branch office at Lombard-street will be open for two hours in the afternoon—viz., from five to seven, p.m.—for the registration of letters and the sale of postage-stamps; but not for money-order or savings-bank business. The receiving-offices in London and the immediate suburbs will be closed. Newspapers and book packets will be received for the night mails at the General Post Office, the district offices, and the branch offices at Lombard-street and Charing-cross, at the usual hours. There will be no collection, either from the town receiving-offices or pillar letter-boxes at 9 p.m.; but letters to be forwarded by the early morning mails on Tuesday, Dec. 26, will be collected from the district and branch offices, and from the pillar-boxes in London and the immediate suburbs, at the usual hours on Tuesday morning. In the more distant suburbs letters, &c., for the night mails of Christmas Day, and for the morning mails of Tuesday, Dec. 26, will be collected from the receiving-offices and pillar letter-boxes at the usual hours. No morning or mid-day mails will be dispatched from London to any town in England or Ireland on Christmas Day. The principal offices will be open during the day for the receipt and transmission of telegrams.

Comments having been made on the action of the Post Office respecting the solicitation of Christmas-boxes, it is officially stated that the Post Office has issued no order which forbids its servants to ask for Christmas-boxes. It has only sought to stop certain methods of asking which it considers objectionable, and which appeared to be growing up in many country towns.

The next mail for New Zealand, via San Francisco, will be dispatched from London on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 11, 1872.

Since the issue of the recent notice respecting the winter service to Constantinople, via Vienna, information has been received from the Austrian Post Office that there will be two dispatches only in each week, instead of three, as previously announced. Mails for Constantinople will be forwarded from London during the winter season as follows:—Every Tuesday morning, via Trieste; every Saturday morning, via Bucharest and Rustchuk, with supplementary mails on the evenings of those days, on the chance of their reaching Vienna in time.

The local board of Scarborough has appointed a committee to investigate the sanitary condition of the town.

The Halifax Council, on Monday, appointed Mr. A. C. Foster Town Clerk, in the room of Mr. J. E. Norris.

The Seamen's Hospital authorities are making urgent appeals to the public for financial help. The expenses of moving from the old Dreadnought to their present quarters in Greenwich Hospital amounted to nearly £2000.

The compulsory clauses of the Education Act have been enforced in Liverpool. Four persons were, on Monday, fined 5s. each, including costs, under the compulsory powers of the Burnley School Board, for neglecting to send their children to school. The ages of the children were nine, ten, eleven, and twelve years. The Ryde School Board has resolved that the Bible shall be read in schools without explanation. The Exeter School Board has decided to have religious education in its schools. They are to be opened and closed daily with singing and prayer, the authorised version of the Bible is to be read daily, and such explanations and instructions in the principles of religion and morality are to be given as are suited to the ages and capacities of the children, provided all books and apparatus used are first approved of by the board.

MUSIC.

The Christmas recess brings the usual decline in musical activity. The close of the opera season—noticed last week—and the temporary suspension of the Crystal Palace concerts and of the Monday Popular concerts leave but little to be said beyond recording the final performances of the year given by the last-named institutions, and these offered but small novelty for comment.

The first portion of the sixteenth season of the Crystal Palace concerts closed, last week, with a performance of "Elijah," with which oratorio terminated the illustrations of Mendelssohn's career that have formed the prominent features in most of the past twelve programmes. Of a work so well known and so frequently heard, nothing is now left for comment, and it will be sufficient to say that the performance referred to was one of general efficiency—the solo music having been distributed between Madame Rudersdorff, Misses A. Fairman, M. Severn, and Galloway; Mr. Nordblom and Herr Stockhausen; Messrs. P. Rivers, O. Christian, and Smythson having co-operated in the concerted pieces. These interesting concerts will be resumed on Jan. 20.

The second concert of the fortieth season of the Sacred Harmonic Society took place yesterday (Friday) week, when Mendelssohn's music to "Athalia" and Beethoven's oratorio "The Mount of Olives" were performed. Both these works have been given at previous concerts of the society, although not in the same programme, and each has been frequently commented on by us. Mendelssohn's noble setting of Racine's tragedy—enlarged in 1845 from his slighter sketch in 1843—was performed with much effect at the concert referred to, when the solos were assigned to Madame Cora de Wilhorst, Miss Vinta, and Mlle. Drasdil. The beautiful trio (with chorus) "Hearts feel," very effectively sung by these ladies, was, as usual, one of the most impressive pieces in the work. In "The Mount of Olives" a young tenor singer, Mr. J. H. Pearson, distinguished himself by the very efficient manner in which, at short notice, he replaced Mr. Vernon Rigby, absent on account of hoarseness. The tenor solos of this oratorio are of considerable difficulty, both as to execution and expression; and Mr. Pearson's delivery of them, particularly the arduous air, "Still I see," seemed to announce a singer who should become valuable in oratorio music. Mr. Pearson has a voice of agreeable quality, sufficient in power and compass; his intonation and enunciation are good, he phrases well, and is earnest without exaggeration. It is long since we have heard so promising a performance by a young and comparatively unknown vocalist. The soprano solos of the Seraph were sung by Madame Cora de Wilhorst, who is always painstaking, but whose style is somewhat hard. Mr. L. Thomas availed himself effectively of the opportunity for the display of his resonant bass voice afforded in the fine trio, "My beating heart;" and the choruses, like those in the preceding work, exhibited an improvement in the soprano division that has long been desirable. The elaborate orchestral features of both these great compositions received full effect from the fine orchestra, occasionally, however, marred by an excessive use of the organ. Sir M. Costa conducted, as usual.

This week's Monday Popular Concert brought forward a work by a composer whose chamber music has been too much ignored of late years. George Onslow, of English extraction, although foreign by birth and residence, produced, besides many works in other forms, a large number of string quartets and quintets, in some of which latter he was the first to introduce the double bass. Although his music never displays high genius or imaginative power, and is occasionally even dry and a little laboured, it is always constructed with artistic skill and finish, and is not without a certain individuality that is welcome in an occasional contrast with other styles. The quintet played on Monday night was that in A minor, op. 34, and its performance derived every advantage from the skill of the executants, Madame Norman-Neruda, Messrs. L. Ries and Zerbini, Signor Piatti, and Mr. Reynolds. The pianist on this occasion was M. Delaborde, and the instrument Messrs. Broadwood's magnificent new "concert pedaler grand pianoforte," of which, as of the player, we spoke a month since. The pieces performed—in which the feet are called into requisition almost equally with the hands—were a "Study" and a "Sketch" by Schumann, and a toccata by Bach, in each of which the superb qualities of the instrument and the vigorous and rapid execution of the player were successfully demonstrated. Mr. Sims Reeves sang three songs with his invariable excellence, and was well accompanied by Mr. Zerbini. The other pieces call for no comment. The concerts will recommence on Jan. 8.

Mr. Charles Deffell's three-act opera, "The Corsair" (the libretto adapted from Byron), was given at the Crystal Palace, last week, in the shape of a concert recital; the solos being sung by Miss Blanche Cole, Madame Emmeline Cole, Mr. G. Perren, and Mr. L. Thomas. Mr. Deffell is one of our most prominent amateur composers, and his music has frequently found favour with the public, as was again the case in this instance, when the opera generally was much applauded, and several pieces especially well received. Among other advantages attending its performance was the co-operation of the excellent Crystal Palace band.

The musical performances announced for this week, in addition to those above noticed, were:—The fifth and last of Mr. Henry Holmes's pleasant concerts of chamber music; and "The Messiah," at Exeter Hall, at the third of the oratorio concerts; at the Agricultural Hall, by the North London Vocal Union; at Store-street Rooms, by the Welsh Choral Union; and, again at Exeter Hall, by the Sacred Harmonic Society.

THE THEATRES.

PRINCESS'S.

The power of depicting for the stage the ordinary characters of life, so that they may prove representative of a class, and yet be so intensely individualised that they may be taken for portraits, is not shared by dramatists in general. Mr. Watts Phillips has shown in more works and ways than one that he possesses a rare gift of imagining scenes in which the men and women of the world may see themselves reflected. His play, in four acts, entitled "On the Jury," was produced on Saturday, and was received with especial favour. Mr. Phelps and Mr. Webster have both suitable parts in the new drama. The former appears as Dexter Sanderson, Esq., M.P., and the latter as a Mr. Tibbetts, otherwise Ferrars, who has been tried and convicted of embezzlement by a jury of whom Sanderson was one. The whole of the story may be apprehended in that simple statement. Ferrars has brought up his daughter Edith at Miss Nippingale's boarding-school, passing himself off as her father's agent, until his means fail and he is compelled to assert his parentage. Sanderson's son Robert is in love with her; but Sanderson is determined that his son shall not marry a felon's daughter or a penniless girl. He therefore takes every opportunity of lecturing his son on the value of money, and Ferrars on the necessity of character, for success in life. Ferrars, however, asserts his innocence, and Sanderson, re-

considering the evidence on which the jury had convicted, is inclined to believe him; but then the opinion of the world must be respected. Ultimately, one Matthew Curlett, son of the banker whom Ferrars was supposed to have robbed, comes forward and confesses that he has been the delinquent. Many other incidents are involved in the treatment of the subject. Sanderson offers Ferrars a clerkship at Hamburg if he will leave the country, but Edith will not part from her father. However, he sets out, and is followed by the devoted girl, who takes boat to reach the packet. The boat is run down by a steamer; Edith is precipitated into the water, from which she is rescued by Robert Sanderson. There is an underplot between Mr. Nippingale and a certain Professor Schmidt, once plain Smith, an orchestra musician of Drury Lane Theatre, which exhibits some humour. But the main agent of mirth in the piece is Miss Hudspeth, who, as Tilda, a maid-servant, revels in eccentricity and provokes boundless laughter. Miss Furtado, as Edith, acted with genuine pathos. Miss Julia Daly as the quaint schoolmistress, and Mr. Ashley as the insincere Professor, threw the needful extravagance into their parts to make them effective. Mr. J. G. Shore was good as Robert, Mr. Phelps acted very naturally as the worldly-minded Sanderson, and Mr. Webster as the distressed father was in his element. The scenery was capital, and the sensation-steamer, at the conclusion of the third act, passed with a swiftness which gave painful reality to the panorama, and secured the success of the drama. Nearly all the performers were called more than once before the curtain, and the author had also to bow his acknowledgments.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

In addition to the list of Christmas pieces chronicled last week we have a few items in continuation to place on record. First, we are requested by the Christy Minstrels to state that they purpose giving their holiday programmes in the great hall every day at three, and every night at eight, throughout the Christmas week. The hall will be decorated magnificently by the Messrs. Defries; and a splendid proscenium will be built, for the purpose of adapting the hall to the performances of the minstrels. Their programme will include many new and beautiful melodies, composed expressly for them by Mr. J. R. Thomas and others.

Of Christmas special entertainments we complete the list commenced last week by announcing the fact that Mr. Gilbert is preparing a Christmas piece on the adventures of "Thespis amongst the Olympians," which will be produced at the Gaiety, Mr. Arthur Sullivan furnishing the music. At the Adelphi will be produced an extravaganza, by Mr. Millward, in which Mrs. John Wood will appear, to be called "Little Snow White." The name of the Surrey pantomime, by Alfie Crowquill, will be "The King of the Peacocks; or, Harlequin Tom Tiddler's Ground and Queen Barley-Sugar;" that of the New Victoria Palace is entitled "The Bronze Horse;" that at the Britannia is styled "The Old Man and his Ass; or, the Magic Whistle and the Eleven Hungry Brothers;" that at the Grecian will be called "Zig-zag the Crooked; or, Harlequin the King, the Cat, and the Pretty Princess." Mr. F. Marchant supplies the pantomime at the East London, named "Little Bopeep." At Astley's the subject is "Lady Godiva; or, St. George and the Dragon;" and at the Crystal Palace Mr. Hollingshead promises "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," written by Mr. J. A. Beckett.

The Christmas novelty at the Royal Gallery of Illustration is by J. R. Planché, and will be entitled "King Christmas; a Fancy-Full Morality." Mr. Planché's reputation for refined wit and pungent joke has, we hear, been well preserved, for the humour of the novelty is as genial as the season it extols; the dialogue sparkles with jeux-d'esprits, at the same time that it is easy and flowing. No better author could have been selected for the illustration of the forthcoming festive season, at a place which is patronised chiefly by the higher and educated classes, than the veteran Mr. Planché, all of whose extravaganzas and burlesques are conspicuous for the brilliancy of their wit and their entire freedom from coarseness of expression. Mr. Corney Grain will bring out a new musical sketch on Boxing Day, and the entertainment will conclude with "A Peculiar Family" in a compressed form.

Miss Bouverie, on Wednesday week, sustained the part of Hamlet at Sadler's Wells. The pantomime is announced, with the following long title:—"Old Mother Hubbard and her Wonderful Dog, Mother Shipton and her Wonderful Cat, Jack and Jill, and the Extraordinary Adventures of Master Tommy Tucker and Little Miss Moffett." Miss Evelyn supported the part of Desdemona, on Monday, at the Royal Alfred. The pantomime is named "This is the House that Jack Built; or, Harlequin Pussy Cat, where have you been? the Little Wee Dog, and the Good Child's History of England." The New Pavilion pantomime is entitled "Harlequin Rip Van Winkle and the Demon Slumber of Twenty Years," by Mr. F. Marchant. "Billy Taylor" is the title of the pantomime at the Oriental, "The Children in the Wood" at the New Regent Theatre, Regent-street, and "Beauty and the Beast" at the Greenwich.

"THE STORY OF SEDAN."

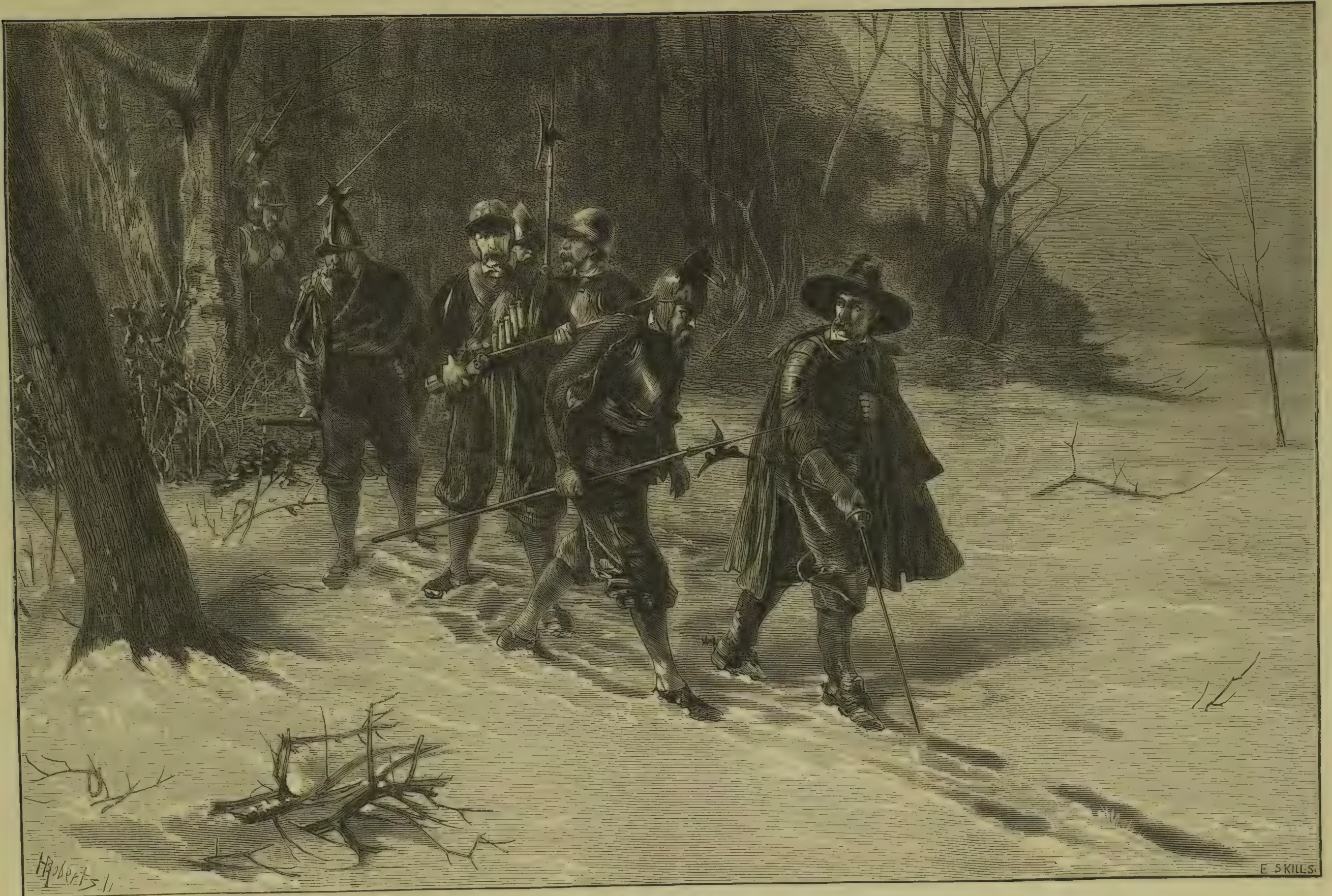
Looking back a twelvemonth and remembering the state of Europe a day or two before Christmas last year, when the German armies, gathered closer and closer around Paris, week after week during that long siege, were preparing a bombardment to terrify the distracted citizens, who already began to feel the want of food, we heartily thank God that France is not now suffering the miseries of invading war. The discharged and disabled soldier, who has lost his right arm, as he appears in our Artist's drawing, but who stands wielding a stick in his left hand, to imitate the martial posture of himself and his comrades in the ranks at a moment of close conflict in the great Battle of Sedan, may perhaps recall the doings of 1870 with feelings of pleasure and pride. He may win the applause of his admiring family and excite the wonder of the women and children, for that he has fairly earned this privilege, by his fortitude and obedience, the cross upon his breast, the reward of a good soldier, bears conspicuous witness. But we hope the little boy with a toy-gun, who seems inclined to covet for his early manhood a share in the imagined glories of the military career, will grow up in a peaceful world, and will pass a long life in his own country without ever seeing the hateful sight of "men arrayed for mutual slaughter." The hope is but a faint one; the wish alone is strong, and every honest heart in Christendom should join in the prayer.

The Queen has permitted the 1st (the Royal) Regiment of Foot to resume the title of the 1st, or "The Royal Scots Regiment," which it formerly bore. This body is credited with the honour of being the oldest regiment in the world, its existence dating from the formation of the famous Scots Guard in France.

There was a good deal of excitement and disorder in Londonderry on Monday. The "Apprentice Boys" were kept out of the City Hall by a military force, and it was found necessary to read the Riot Act and disperse the crowd; but no violence seems to have been committed.



THE STORY OF SEDAN: "FIGHTING HIS BATTLES O'ER AGAIN."



"ON THE TRACK," BY H. B. ROBERTS.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.



AMONG the pleasant-looking volumes that are laid upon our table at this period of the year, none are more seasonable than such as proffer aid or materials for enhancing the sacred and joyful festivities of the season. We therefore take occasion to notice a recently-published collection of "Christmas Carols, New and Old," which seems very suitable to such family use. The words of the carols are edited by the Rev. Henry Ramsden Bramley, M.A., Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and the music by Dr. John Stainer, M.A., organist of the same college chapel. The book contains forty-two carols, words and music; the latter, in the majority

of cases, is arranged merely in a single treble score, with a pianoforte accompaniment; but in one or two instances there is an arrangement of part-singing for alto, tenor, and bass voices, admitting the father and the elder brothers, if so disposed, to join with the ladies and the little boys and girls in this pretty household sacred concert.

As for the sources of this collection, fifteen or sixteen of the carols are traditional in Old England, both the verses and the tunes; nor can their authorship or the date of their composition be ascertained. The first of these is the well-known one beginning

God rest you, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay;

with its chorus, at the end of each verse,

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Still more quaint, but natural, homely, and touching, is the language of the next, "A Virgin unspotted the Prophet foretold," which is probably of the fifteenth century. Its straightforward narrative style, in telling how Joseph and Mary could find no lodging in the inn at Bethlehem, and how they lay in a stable, where she gave birth to "her young Son so sweet," is very agreeable. The comment is supplied by the final verse:—

To teach us humility all this was done,
And learn we from hence haughty pride for to shun
A manger his cradle who came from above,
The great God of mercy, of peace, and of love.

The words for the chorus, too, have a pleasing turn:—

Aye, and therefore be merry, set sorrow aside,
Christ Jesus our Saviour was born on this tide.

But some of these pieces are yet more characteristic of the serenely sportive muse which inspired the popular Christmas carol before the Reformation. "The Seven Joys of Mary," despite its trivial method of enumeration, is a genuine outburst of cordial and imaginative feeling. As we remember, it used to be sung in some parts of the country, with a slight difference:—

The first good joy our Mary had,
It was the joy of one, &c.

The editor of this volume has given the first line of each verse without the endearing personal pronoun. Another carol opens thus, with an effectively dramatic appeal:—

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?

There is also "The Holly and the Ivy," with its pretty, fanciful similitudes of blossom, berry, and prickle, and its wildly-warbled chorus:—

Oh, the rising of the sun,
The running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir!

This is a spontaneous expression of the frank delight in rural nature, and in the freedom of a wholesome rustic or sylvan life, which our ancestors enjoyed. And no less heartily did they enjoy, in that uncritical, uncontroversial age, the artistic features of majesty and beauty in the solemn services, the ceremonies, the edifice, and decorations of the church. The Gothic cathedral, as well as the over-arching boughs and foliage of the greenwood, which that style of architecture has been thought to represent, was designed to be attractive, and was filled with pleasant sights and sounds. But at this season the greenwood is bare, for it is Christmas time; yet, as the religious ballad-maker sings:—

The Holly and the Ivy
Now both are full well grown;
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The Holly bears the crown.

The next of these interesting compositions is of much later date. It is called, "The Waits' Song," and it begins in this way:—

The moon shines bright and the stars give a light,
A little before the day;
Our mighty Lord he looked on us,
And he bade us awake and pray.

There is much poetical spirit and force in the opening verses of this carol, but it becomes flat towards the close, ending with some commonplace moral reflections. "The Virgin and Child" is extremely curious, and quite in the vein of old romance:—

On yesternight I saw a sight,
A star as bright as day;
And all along, I heard a song,
Lullay, by by, lullay.

A lovely lady sat and sang,
And to her child she spake,
My Son, my brother, Father dear,
It makes my heart to ache;

To see thee there, so cold and bare,
A King, upon this day;
But hush thy wail, I will not fail
To sing, By-by, lullay.

The Child then spake, while she did sing
And to the Maiden said,

"My Mother Mary, thine I be,
Though I be laid in stall,
Both lords and dukes shall worship me
And so shall monarchs all;
Ye shall well see
That princes three
Shall come on the twelfth day;
Then let me rest
Upon thy breast,
And sing, By-by, lullay."

She then addresses the infant as her Lord, and asks how she shall nurse him to his mind. He answers her:—

My Mother dear, when time it be,
Then take me up aloft,
And set me up upon thy knee,
And handle me full soft;
And in thy arm
Thou wilt me warm,
And keep me night and day;
And if I weep
And may not sleep,
Then sing, By by, lullay.

To which the Virgin Mother replies:—

Now, sweetest Lord, since it is so
That thou art most of might,
I pray thee grant a boon to me,
If it be meet and right;
That child or man,
That will or can,
Be merry on this day;
To bliss them bring,
And I shall sing,
Lullay, by by, lullay.

There is a childish simplicity in such a fable as that of "The Cherry-tree Carol," in which "Sweet Mary, the Queen of Galilee," bids the tree bow down to her, that she may pluck cherries for her child, since Joseph has unkindly refused to pluck them for her. We certainly do not recommend the selection of any such carols as these for family singing at Christmas. "Jacob's Ladder" and "Dives and Lazarus" are religious narrative ballads, or parables in song, but are not Christmas Carols; and "The Wassail Song," though kindly and jolly, and good enough to sing from door to door in a village, has no particular religious significance.

Besides the traditional English specimens of ancient Christmas poetry in this collection, it includes several pieces translated from the Latin, German, and Spanish; and many original compositions, by the Rev. Dr. Neale, the Revs. E. Caswall, Archer Gurney, Canon Bright, Mr. W. Morris, Mrs. Alderson, and others. Among the composers of the new music are Professor S. R. F. Ouseley, Drs. Elvey, Dykes, and Steggall; Messrs. Arthur Sullivan, Barnby, and Goss. Each carol occupies, as a rule, two pages, with a beautiful illustration of each, engraved by the Brothers Dalziel, from designs by Messrs. Arthur Hughes, T. Dalziel, Wiegand, Fraser, John Leighton, Zwecker, Mahoney, and Francis Walker. The joint publishers are Messrs. Novello, Ewer, and Co., and Messrs. G. Routledge and Sons.

"ON THE TRACK."

The stern-visaged men in the half-armour of the seventeenth century, steel breastplates and gorgets over their stout buff jerkins, and steel morions, instead of helmets with closed vizors, on their heads, may be taken for a party of Cromwell's troops in the English Civil War, detached upon a service of special moment this winter night. Perhaps they are going to intercept a Royalist convoy of provisions or treasure, to secure the person of some influential nobleman journeying to meet King Charles, or to surprise the mansion of a neighbouring knight, as related in one of the tales which we gave in our Christmas Supplement last week. They are certainly intent upon real business, and will do it thoroughly if they come within reach of their object. The picture, by Mr. H. B. Roberts, is an effective composition of its kind, and shows the artist's powers both of conception and of execution, as the reader may judge from our Engraving. It reminds us of more than one incident described in Sir Walter Scott's historical romances and poems.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will of the Hon. John Paxton Norman, Judge and late officiating Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William, in Bengal, was proved in that court on Sept. 30 last, and in London on the 5th inst., by his relict, Margaret Norman, power being reserved to his brother, the Rev. Alfred Merle Norman. The personality in England was sworn under £6000. The will bears date July 25, 1870, and this learned Judge died, Sept. 21 last, at Calcutta. He bequeathed to his wife an immediate legacy of £1000, a life interest arising from the income derived from the residue of his property, and such furniture and other effects as she may select for her own use, and after her decease the residue then remaining is to be divided into four equal parts—one to his brother Charles Blake Norman, one to his brother George Lewis Norman, and the remaining two parts to his brother the Rev. Alfred Merle Norman.

The will of Dame Mary Elizabeth Goring, formerly of 13, Sussex-square, and late of Beaumaris, Anglesea, where she died Oct. 20 last, was proved in London, on the 8th inst., under £25,000 personality. Her Ladyship was the eldest daughter and heiress of John G. Lewis, Esq.; and was married in 1812, as the second wife, to Sir Harry Dent Goring, Bart, M.P., of Highden, Sussex, who died in 1859. The executors appointed are Robert Prichard and Richard Edmunds, Esqrs.: to each she has left a legacy of £100. Her Ladyship has made a liberal provision for her daughters, and has bequeathed to each of her grand-daughters a legacy of £1000, leaving the residue of her property to her grandson, Claude Hamilton, a son of her daughter, Lady Vivian.

The will of John Alexander Thomson Smyth, Esq., late of 4, Cumberland-terrace, Hyde Park, was proved in London, on the 13th ult., under £400,000 personality by his relict, and William Strickland Cookson and Richard Pennington, Esqrs., both of Lincoln's Inn; to each he leaves a legacy of £500, and appoints his executors guardians of his infant children. The will is dated March 9, 1870, with three codicils, the last dated Oct. 21, 1871, and the testator died on the 26th of the same month, aged sixty-nine. To his wife he leaves an annuity of £3000 and an immediate legacy of £10,000. It is the testator's expressed desire that his grandson John, son of his son John by his present wife, should be delivered up to the sole care of his said son John, in order that his said grandson may be brought up, trained, and educated in a proper and suitable manner to his station. The testator leaves to his sister-in-law, Elizabeth Risdon, £200 a year; to his clerk, Charles Argent, £400; to his coachman and his servant Susan White, each £300; and legacies to all his servants;—free of duty. His estates, real and personal, are to be sold. The residue of his property to be equally divided amongst all his children.

The will of Vice-Admiral Charles Bosanquet, who died at 62, Portland-place, on Oct. 3 last, aged sixty-five, was proved under £16,000 personality.

The will of Vice-Admiral William Warren, C.B., J.P., late of Chilvester Lodge, Calne, who died, at Queen Anne-street, Cavendish-square, on Oct. 9 last, aged seventy-six, was proved under £3000 personality.

The will of Mrs. Susan Hood Robinson, late of 21, Montagu-square, Middlesex, was proved under £35,000, in which is the following bequest:—"In pursuance of my dear husband's request, I leave and bequeath to the pension fund of the National Hospital for Paralysis, £3500; the Royal Free Hospital, £3000; St. Mary's Hospital, £2000; Middlesex Hospital, £500; and Western General Dispensary, £300.

OBITUARY OF EMINENT PERSONS.

LADY BURGOYNE.

Charlotte, Lady Burgoyne, widow of Field Marshal Sir John Fox Burgoyne, Bart., G.C.B., survived her distinguished husband a few weeks only, having died on the 5th inst., aged seventy-five. Her Ladyship was daughter of Colonel Hugh Rose, of Holme, Nairnshire; was married in 1821, and had, besides several daughters (enumerated in our Obituary of Oct. 21), an only son, the gallant Captain Hugh Talbot Burgoyne, R.N., V.C., who was lost in the Captain.

LADY GEORGIANA CATHCART.

Lady Georgiana Cathcart, widow of the late distinguished General the Hon. Sir George Cathcart, G.C.B., who fell so gloriously at Inkerman, died, at her residence, in Eaton-place, on the 12th inst. Her Ladyship was born July 28, 1798, the elder daughter of the Hon. Robert Fulke Greville, by his wife, Louisa, Countess of Mansfield in her own right. Her marriage took place Dec. 16, 1824, and its surviving issue consists of four daughters, the second of whom, the Hon. Emily Sarah Cathcart, is Maid of Honour to the Queen.

LADY TEMPLEMORE.

The Right Hon. Laura Caroline Jane, Lady Templemore, died, at Babraham, Cambridgeshire, on the 9th inst. Her Ladyship was born, Oct. 24, 1816, the second daughter of the late Right Hon. Sir Arthur Paget, G.C.B., by Lady Augusta, his wife, daughter of John, tenth Earl of Westmoreland, and was consequently niece of Field Marshal the first Marquis of Anglesey. She married, Aug. 3, 1842, her cousin, Henry Spencer, present Lord Templemore, and leaves issue one son, Arthur Henry, born Sept. 16, 1854, and one daughter, Flora Augusta, born July 7, 1856.

THE RIGHT HON. MR. JUSTICE GEORGE.

The Right Hon. John George, one of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench in Ireland, died, on the 15th inst., at his residence, 45, Fitzwilliam-square, Dublin. He was born in 1804, the eldest son of John George, Esq., of Cahore, in the county of Wexford, at one time Governor of the Bank of Ireland, by Emily Jane, his wife, daughter of Richard Fox, Esq. Educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated B.A. 1822 and M.A. 1824, he was called to the Irish Bar in 1826, and to the English in 1827. In 1852 he was elected M.P. for the county of Wexford, on Conservative principles, and continued to represent that constituency (with a brief interval, 1857 to 1859) till 1866. In 1859 he became Solicitor-General for Ireland, and in 1866 was raised to the Bench and created a Privy Councillor. For many years he was father of the Leinster Circuit Bar. An upright Judge, a kind and generous friend, and a worthy country gentleman, Judge George was popular with all parties. He married, first, in 1832, Sarah Rosanna, daughter of Isaac Matthew D'Olier, Esq., Governor of the Bank of Ireland; and secondly, in 1848, Mary, daughter of Major Christopher L'Estrange Carleton, by the former of whom, who died in 1847, he leaves issue.

SIR JAMES MURRAY.

Sir James Murray, M.D., whose name is so well known in practical chemistry, died on the 8th inst. He was born in the county of Derry, in 1788, the eldest son of Edward Murray, by Belinda, his wife, daughter of John Powell, of Londonderry. For many years he had an extensive practice in Dublin, and filled several public appointments, amongst which were those of Inspector of Anatomy for Ireland and Physician to the Netterville Hospital. In 1831 he was appointed physician to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and in 1833 received the honour of knighthood. He was the author of works on "Heat and Humidity," "The Medical Effects of Atmospheric Pressure," "On Cholera," &c. Sir James married, first, in 1809, Mary, daughter of George Sharrock, Esq.; and secondly, in 1848, Mary, daughter of Samuel Allen, Esq., and niece of Charles M'Garel, Esq., of Belgrave-square, London. He leaves issue by both wives: his only child by his second, Kate Croiton, married, in 1870, Captain J. J. P. Fox, 56th Regiment.

SIR H. E. AUSTEN.

Sir Henry Edmund Austen, of Shalford, in the county of Surrey, J.P. and D.L., a gentleman of her Majesty's Privy Chamber, died recently at Cheltenham, in his eighty-seventh year. He was the eldest son of Robert Austen, Esq., of Shalford, by Frances Anne, his wife, daughter and heiress of John Wentworth Nazianzen Gregory, Esq.; succeeded to his father's estates in 1797, and was High Sheriff of Surrey in 1810. He graduated M.A. at Oxford in 1807, and was appointed one of the gentlemen of the Privy Chamber in 1832, on which occasion he received the honour of knighthood. Sir Henry married, first, 1805, Anne Amelia, only daughter of the late Robert Spearman Bate, Esq., of the Hon. East India Company's service; and secondly, in 1843, Lady Pocklington, relict of Sir Robert Pocklington, K.M.T., of Chelmsworth, Suffolk. By the former (who died Sept. 5, 1839) he leaves a son and heir, Robert Alfred Cloyne Godwin-Austen, Esq., of Chilworth Manor, Surrey, J.P. and D.L., and other issue.

BISHOP SMITH.

The Right Rev. Dr. George Smith, the first Bishop of Victoria, Hong-Kong, died, on the 14th inst., at his residence, Haddo-villas, Blackheath. He was a son of the late Mr. G. Smith, of Wellington, and was born in 1815. Having been privately educated, he entered as a commoner of Magdalen Hall, Oxford, and took his B.A. degrees in 1837, when he was third class in classics, Dr. Stanley, Dean of Westminster, being a first class in the same year, and Dr. Francis Hessey a second. In the following year he was ordained, and for some time held the curacy of Murr, near Doncaster, and was afterwards presented by the Archbishop of York to the vicarage of Goole. In 1844 he placed his services at the disposal of the Church Missionary Society, and was nominated to a missionary station at Hong-Kong. This mission he worked with such extraordinary assiduity and success that the church rapidly extended, and it was determined to establish an episcopal see, to include the island of Hong-Kong and the congregations of the Church of England in China. Dr. Smith was consecrated the first Bishop in 1849, and continued to discharge the duties of his office until 1865, when ill-health compelled his retirement. Bishop Smith was the author of "A Narrative of an Exploring Visit to each of the Consular Cities of China, and to the Islands of Hong-Kong and Chusan," "Ten Weeks in Japan," "Lewchew and the Lewchewans," "China; her Future and her Past," and several other books of travel, as well as of some theological works.

GENERAL CAMERON.

The death is announced of General Patrick Cameron, senior General of the Madras cavalry, in his eighty-seventh year. He went out to India in 1802, served in the campaign of 1805-6-7-8-9 in Berar, Candeish, and the Nerbudda; in the campaign in the Northern Circars and Goomsoor in 1816 and 1817; in the Mahratta campaign of 1817 and 1818; and in the Burmese campaign of 1826.

The form of the Birmingham memorial to Dr. Priestley has been settled. It has been resolved to erect a tablet to mark the site of Dr. Priestley's house; a statue, at a cost of about £1200; and to establish such prize fund, exhibition, or scholarship as the funds may allow.



THE GREAT FIRE AT ROTHERHITHE.



SCENE FROM "THE BELLS," AT THE LYCEUM THEATRE.



CHRISTMAS DAY IN AUSTRALIA.—DRAWN BY N. CHEVALIER.
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FINE ARTS.

SKETCHES AND STUDIES AT THE WATER-COLOUR INSTITUTE. The winter exhibition of the institute, consisting, like that of the elder society, rather of drawings of minor importance than bona fide sketches and studies, critical remarks would be less in place than if they were applied to the generally more adequately representative examples contributed to the spring exhibition. Several also of the leading members, including Messrs. Linton, H. B. Roberts, E. Corbould, Vacher, E. Warren, L. Haghe, and others, are absent altogether from the present gathering. On the other hand, six newly-elected Associates impart an element of novelty. These are Messrs. Hugh Carter, T. H. Cromek, E. J. Gregory, H. Herkomer, W. May, and F. J. Skill.

Messrs. Carter, Cromer, and May paint in what is called, not without good show of reason, the more "legitimate" manner, relying on broad washes of transparent colour for general effect; adhering, in fact, to the principles of the early masters of the art. Mr. Carter is, perhaps only incidentally, an illustrator of foreign manners and interiors; he has, we understand, studied in Düsseldorf, and some of his subjects here are from Rhenish Prussia. Among his best contributions are a drawing of a wounded Prussian soldier telling the story of how he won an Iron Cross (36) and a sketch of a "Westphalian Interior" (91). All this artist's works, whom we have already introduced to our readers through the medium of our fine-art illustrations, are distinguished by broad and vigorous handling and powerful effect. Similar praise, as regards treatment, is due to Mr. Cromek's architectural subjects, of which we may instance the "Chapel of Ursula, Subiaco" (125), though a little more texture may be desiderated. Mr. May is a marine-painter of considerable merit, whose several contributions derive much value from an actual acquaintance with the sea and shipping, to which few of our artists who attempt similar subjects can pretend.

Mr. Skill, engravings of whose works, as of Mr. Carter's, have already appeared in our pages, employs body colour more freely than the preceding artists, but broadly, and without the niggling and discordancy of the newest school of water-painting. He has been for some time enriching his portfolio with sketches and studies from Brittany, and his productions are remarkable for a singular air of fidelity to the brilliancy of outdoor effect, for good drawing, and truthful colouring.

Messrs. Herkomer and Gregory, though evincing a capacity equal, if not superior, to that of the other new Associates, have adopted the peculiar method of employing hard opaque outlines, laborious "stippling," and confounding the uses of body and transparent colours which we cannot but think sacrifices the best qualities of water colours, without equivalent advantage. The method has been carried to great perfection by Mr. F. Walker, but all his followers lapse into various degrees of exaggeration, and drawing for the wood-engraver (especially in the more affected style that has come into vogue), which is practised by several of these young men, seems to aggravate the mischief. Nevertheless, for character and closeness of observation, high praise is due to Mr. Herkomer's "Chelsea Pensioners in Church" (10), and "Evening Rest"—a quiet, pathetic scene outside a French peasant's cottage, with an old couple and a girl, sitting or standing, toil-worn and dejected, in front of their rude homestead. No. 114, by Mr. Gregory, is a very promising little drawing, painted with a nice sense of beauty and true feeling, but it is difficult to preserve one's gravity before this ideal love-making of the gentleman butcher-boy and the ladylike nursery-maid.

Mr. C. Green and Mr. Valentine Bromley—two young and very skilful artists—may be classed with the last named, though they betray but little eccentricity. The former has a meritorious drawing of French outposts in the snow, entitled "On the Way to Warsaw, 1806;" the latter a drawing, also very meritorious in execution, but too farcical in expression, called "Michaelmas Time" (190), representing a lady in fifteenth-century costume, fleeing, with a frightened grimace as of conscious guilt, from an angry flock of geese. Mr. A. C. Gow's delicately-elaborated "Réveille" (252)—a soldier beating his drum on the ramparts of a fortress; and a drawing, by Mr. Kilburne, of a young lady seated reading against the gigantic bole of a spreading beech, may be placed in a similar category—all are too miniature-like and small. Mr. E. H. Fahey's large study of a head (106) does not redeem the promise of his landscapes—see Nos. 115 and 199.

It is, after all, refreshing to turn from these laborious finishers to the manly vigour and dash of Mr. Beavis's "Startled Deer" (162), or the delicate freedom and pure, silvery effect of Mr. Collier's Surrey commons and Cumberland moors; or the rich colouring and ready descriptiveness of Mr. McKean's interiors from Knoke, Cotele, and Hardwick Hall, or the light but powerful handling of Mr. Whympere. We might include Mr. Rowbotham, but for the routine conventionality of his work; and Mr. Absolon's "Last Load" (99), but for its artificiality and its garish excess of yellow and orange; and Guido Bach's large heads, but for their extreme mannerism. It is astonishing how far a little even of third rate foreign style will go in a collection of English pictures. Among other of the better known members Mr. Tidey maintains his place in his usual manner, and also in two fancifully-treated child-portraits somewhat out of his ordinary walk. Little bits by Mr. Leitch, artistic as usual in composition and colour; coast scenes by Mr. Philp and Mr. Mogford, the latter of whom, however, is manifestly repeating himself, detrimentally to his art; sketches by Mr. Fahey; two excellent Highland scenes, with deer (60 and 95), by Mr. Hargitt; a beautiful twilight view, with rising moon, by H. Johnson; and still life, by Mr. Sherrin, are likewise entitled to notice. Lastly, we may specially commend the contributions of Mr. Hine, being *sui generis*. If one has to make exception to the too great softness or woolliness, the equality and monotony of the Barrow down view (245), and to object that there is not sufficient detail, texture, and light on the foreground to correspond with a cloudless sky in No. 132, there is, on the other hand, ample variety without discordance in the beautiful drawing "On the Kyles of Bute" (222), whilst in all the artist's works is found so much sweetness and delicacy of tone and feeling, and so entire an absence of vulgarity, that they cannot fail to be acceptable to persons of taste.

The Liverpool Autumn Exhibition of Pictures, the re-establishment of which is due to the efforts of Messrs. Samuelson, Rathbone, and other members of the Liverpool Corporation, has been a remarkable success.

The annual exhibition of the fine arts at Paris—the "Salon"—will be opened at the Palais de l'Industrie, Champs Elysées, on May 1, 1872.

A beautiful silver cup, the work of Jamnitzer, the Nuremberg goldsmith, and contemporary of Cellini, has been added to the art-collection of the South Kensington Museum. The educational division has lately received a very curious toy house, made in Nuremberg two centuries ago, filled with models of utensils of the period illustrating German life and manners.

ILLUSTRATED GIFT-BOOKS.

The romantic scenery of *Wensleydale*, in Yorkshire, which is more often celebrated by distant appreciative allusions than visited by actual tourists, is made the subject of a noble artistic and literary memorial, consisting of fourteen fine etchings, with descriptive text by Mr. Richard Chattock (Seeley, Jackson, and Halliday). The same publishers have brought out a volume, entitled *English Artists of the Present Day*, containing thirteen photographs of paintings in oil, water-colour drawings, and crayon drawings, one etching, and one sculpture in relief, by some of our eminent men—Sir Edwin Landseer and Sir John Gilbert, Messrs. Millais, Holman Hunt, Woolner, and Hook, with Messrs. Yeames, Mason, T. Armstrong, J. E. Hodgson, Armstead, and Cave Thomas, in the second rank, being the artists chosen. The critical essays which accompany these examples of their different styles are more valuable than the photographs themselves. They are written by Mr. Tom Taylor, Mr. Sidney Colvin, Mr. F. G. Stephens, Mr. Bevington Atkinson, and Mr. J. L. Tupper. Another publication of Messrs. Seeley, Jackson, and Halliday is *The Mighty Works of Our Lord Jesus Christ*; a book compiled of passages selected from St. Augustine, St. Chrysostom, Luther, Calvin, Archbishop Leighton, Bishop Andrews, Bishop Hall, Matthew Henry, Archbishop Trench, Bishop Heber, Dean Alford, and other good authors of practical divinity; with twelve photographs of pictures by Raphael, Paolo Veronese, Overbeck, Ary Scheffer, and other masters of art applied to sacred subjects.

The clever artist in black, Paul Konewka, whose illustrations of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" and Goethe's "Faust" have been noticed, is very comical in his *Schatten-bilder* (Trübner and Co., for Hoffmann, Stuttgart). These little figures, resembling those formerly cut out of black paper to imitate silhouette portraits, appear in many droll encounters or adventures, which are described in German verses by Herr Trojan. Little boys and girls sometimes begin to learn German at an early age, and they would like such a Christmas gift.

We have received many other new books for children, some of them with plenty of good reading matter. Lady Barker, the author of "Station Life in New Zealand," provides "A Christmas Cake, in Four Quarters (Macmillan), which signifies that she has Christmas stories to tell belonging to four quarters of the world, their scenes being laid, respectively, in England, in Jamaica, in India, and—not in Africa (!), but in New Zealand. "Household Tales and Fairy Stories," with 380 illustrations by John Gilbert, J. D. Watson, Harrison Weir, and other artists (Routledge), is a copious storehouse of familiar fictions, well approved by the experience of past generations, and reproduced with the aid of most diverting figures. "Doll World, or Play and Earnest," by Mrs. O'Reilly (Bell and Daldy), is a pretty book for a girl eight or nine years old. "The Child's Book of Song and Praise" (Cassell) is a mixed collection of hymns and other innocent and pleasing verses, some of them with the music for voice and piano, some without music, and with numerous pictures in the margins, or upon the opposite pages. "The Home Theatre," by Mary Healy (Sampson Low), is a set of little comedies, to be acted by young persons "in their teens," or even above twenty, and by the elders, if they choose to take a part. "On the Banks of the Amazon" (T. Nelson), a tale for boys, by Mr. W. H. G. Kingston, is full of interesting descriptions of South American travel and the wonders of natural history in that teeming wilderness of animal and vegetable life. Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, the Under-Secretary of State, gives the young people of England his second book of fairy tales, under the title of "Moonshine" (Macmillan). "The Prairie Bird" (Routledge), by the Hon. C. A. Murray, is a story of the Red Indians in North America, which may please the admirers of Fenimore Cooper's novels concerning that region. "Peter Parley's Annual" (Ben. George), "The Children's Hour Annual" (Johnstone, Hunter, and Co.), and "The Merrie heart," a Book of Nursery Rhymes (Cassell, Petter, and Galpin), are sure to find acceptance in some households. The mere enumeration of the following child-books will be enough for them:—"Aunt Louisa's Welcome Visitor" (F. Warne); "The Poll Parrot Picture-Book" (Routledge); "The Coloured A B C Book" (Routledge); A. L. O. E.'s "Bible Picture-Book," A. L. O. E.'s "Picture Story-Book," and the "Favourite Nursery Picture-Book" (T. Nelson and Sons). Literature and Fine Arts, we see, are busy for the gratification of the little ones, as of their grave and potent seniors.

The mighty volume of the "Post Office London Directory," which has grown so stout, with the growth of this great city, as to fill nearly 2500 closely-printed pages, is published this year, as usual, by Messrs. Kelly and Co., of Lincoln's-inn-fields. It records the latest alterations, consequent upon deaths or official appointments, to the beginning of December, and several improvements are made in this edition.

The pocket-books for 1872, presented by Messrs. De la Rue and Co., are, as usual, pretty and convenient. Those of two or three smaller sizes, bound in russet or morocco leather, or in velvet, with gilt or steel clasps, and with silk linings, are very elegant, and fit for a lady's use; while a gentleman may prefer the larger memorandum-book and diary, of an oblong shape, which is secured by an elastic band, and can be quickly opened, its dimensions being 4½ in. by 2½ in., and its internal arrangements very simple. "Punch's Pocket Book" contains, as all the world knows, in addition to the ordinary calendar of months and days, the blanks for diary and cash account, and the common items of business information, a whole magazine of amusing literature and pictures; the prose and verse by several popular writers, the comic designs by Mr. Tenniel, Mr. Charles Keene, and other clever artists.

During the heavy gale experienced on our coasts in the early part of this week several shipping casualties took place. Two large barques—the *Albert*, of Bremen, and the *India*, of South Shields—were wrecked on the Goodwin Sands, within a short distance of each other. The *Ramsgate* life-boat Bradford, and the life-boats stationed at Kingsdown, North Deal, and Broadstairs, belonging to the National Life-Boat Institution, proceeded to the wrecks through the tremendous seas which were breaking on the sands; and the three first-named boats were fortunately enabled to save all on board the vessels, numbering thirty-seven men, including five Broadstairs men, who had gone out to the wrecks and had lost their boat alongside. On the same day the *Rye* and *Winchelsea* life-boats of the institution saved the crew of seventeen men from the stranded ship *Robina*, of North Shields; and the society's *Maryport* life-boat brought ashore the ten men forming the crew of the brig *Wanderer*, of *Maryport*, which had stranded near *Maryport Harbour*.—The gale on Wednesday was very severe, and several shipping disasters are reported. A Bordeaux telegram says that the *Rivière*, from Madras, has been totally wrecked off Point Coubre; thirteen of the crew are missing, and the bodies of two others, one of them a pilot, have been washed ashore. One sailor was saved.

NATIONAL SPORTS.

The break up of the frost has placed billiards quite at a discount again, and steeplechasing and coursing once more reign supreme. The Kingsbury meeting escaped with a postponement of only one day; but though the fields for the various races were very large, yet the class of the competitors was not especially good. Mr. Yates, perhaps the first gentleman rider of the day, commenced the season well by carrying off the principal event on his own horse *Dybbol*, a rather fortunate win, as nearly everything else in the race refused. *Jemmy Grimshaw*, the famous lightweight of the "scarlet-white-hoops" era, had a couple of mounts each day, but he has not commenced his cross-country career very auspiciously, and has had more than his fair share of falls; however, such a fine horseman is sure to make his mark sooner or later. Considering that all bets on the events at Croydon have twice been declared void, the fixture was wonderfully well patronised, both by men and horses. The Grand National Hurdle-Race, the great attraction of the first day, fell to Footman (the *Tim Whiffler*—*Whiteleg* colt); though *Sylla*, who has shown great speed over the T.Y.C. this year, and is a beautiful fencer, would probably have won had he not taken too much out of himself by pulling. The Great Metropolitan Steeplechase, to which £500 was added (which is the second time this year that the Croydon committee have given that large sum to a race), proved a great success, fourteen out of the twenty-three subscribers coming to the post. Mr. Yates's stable is carrying all before it just at present; and, taking full advantage of an accident to *Scipio*, which occurred about three quarters of a mile from home, he secured a long lead on *Harvester* (10 st. 12 lb.), and was never caught. *David Copperfield* (11 st.), who was third for this same event last year, ran second; and *Casse Tête* (10 st. 5 lb.) was a good third. It will be remembered that *Harvester*, a son of *Stockwell* and *Greta*, cost more than 1000 gs. as a yearling, and, when the property of the Duke of Newcastle, was backed heavily for the Two Thousand. Flat racing, however, was not his vocation.

There has been very little weeding out from various studs this autumn; but on Monday last Messrs. Tattersall had a busy time of it. Twenty-one of Mr. Bentley's horses were brought up, and he got rid of all of them. Mr. Lombard, who seems an insatiable purchaser, secured *Cymbal* and *Blenheim* for 900 gs. each; and he also gave 200 gs. for *Sophie*. *Blenheim* was a good deal talked of on the morning of the Two Thousand, and has since run creditably; while *Cymbal* is certain to win some good races over short distances, especially as he will not now have to meet old *Vulcan*. *Ptarmigan* and *Pericles*, both very speedy horses in their day, went for 390 gs. and 33 gs. respectively; but the performance of the former at Croydon on Wednesday last was not very encouraging. *Mandane*, an own sister to *Gladiator*, who has not yet run, fetched only 105 gs. Ten lots from *Lowe's* stable were also disposed of at fair prices.

The Messrs. Weatherly have recently issued their calendar, and consequently the turf statisticians have been hard at work. The results of the new rules of the Jockey Club with regard to two-year-old racing, &c., are very plainly apparent, as this year there have been only 179 races of half a mile and under, as against 388 in 1870; while only 732 two-year-olds have run, a decrease of 75 on the preceding year. Of course there has been a corresponding increase in races over longer courses, those of "over a mile, under two" furnishing the most notable example, actually numbering 353 against only ninety-seven. The full list is also very interesting. Lord Clifden comes first with 32 to his credit, though even this is five less than last year. *Adventurer* and *Saunterer* run a dead-heat with 31 each; and *Macaroni* and *Thormanby* are also bracketed equal with 29. Lord Lyon and *Orest* have 28 apiece; the latter could only boast of 10 last season; and if the former's youngsters prove equal to the *Doncaster* sample, which was so much admired, they are sure to sell well. *Broomielaw* has also suddenly risen from 10 to 27; and the famous brothers *Blair Athol* and *Breadalbane* have 26 each. Of the remainder, *Saccharometer* and *Stockwell* (both now dead) have respectively left 20 and 14 foals behind them; and *Mandrake*, 19; *Blinkhoolie*, 17; *Speculum*, 12; and *Westwick*, 12, have all done well in their first season.

An influential meeting of gentlemen connected with the Eggesford Hunt and others was recently held at Exeter, when it was decided to raise subscriptions to present the Earl of Portsmouth, the noble master of the hunt, with a testimonial. A committee, including the names of Earl Fortescue, Sir George Stucley, and Colonel Russell, was appointed to receive subscriptions, and many gentlemen at once put down their names for £20 each.

Mr. W. H. Clark's annual sale of greyhounds took place on Saturday last, when thirty-six saplings realised £673 6s. The stock of *Ghillie Callum* sold best, and the nine *Breadalbane* puppies averaged over 18 gs. The coursing which has taken place during the present week up to the time of writing requires no notice.

A marble statue of Sir Michael de la Pole, one of the most eminent worthies of Hull, has been presented to that town by Mr. Councillor Leatham. There was no public ceremony.

The Marquis of Bute has promised a subscription of £100 towards the proposed scheme for renovating the choir of St. Giles's, or High Church, Edinburgh.

At Worcester Assizes a youthful telegraph clerk, named Frederick Green, has been sentenced to five years' penal servitude for stealing a letter containing securities for £10.

In the early hours of Tuesday morning the oil manufactory of Messrs. Peter Forbes and Co., Port Dundas, Glasgow, was destroyed by fire. Fifty thousand gallons of paraffin oil, valued at £8000, were consumed by the flames.

With regard to the new German coinage, it is stated that the Government proposes to issue at first 6,277,000 pieces of twenty marks each, and 1,395,000 pieces of ten marks each. The twenty-mark piece will be of about the same value as our pound sterling, and the issue thus contemplated will consequently amount to £7,000,000.

A supplement of the *London Gazette* contains an official correspondence between Mr. Wade, her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary in China, and Earl Granville, relative to the missionary question in China. Earl Granville's despatch prescribes in detail the principle according to which such matters are in future to be regulated, as far as the British authorities are concerned.

The Board of Trade has awarded a binocular glass to Captain Kuhlken, master of the North German barque *Harzburg*, of Bremen, in acknowledgment of his humanity and kindness to the master and crew (ten in all) of the barque *Sydney*, of Greenock, whom he rescued from their sinking vessel on Jan. 24, in lat. 25 deg. N., and long. 64 deg. W. The rescued crew were ten days on board the *Harzburg*, and were treated with great kindness by Captain Kuhlken, who refused to accept any remuneration for their subsistence while on board his vessel.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

On Monday Lord William Lennox gave a lecture at the Russell Literary and Scientific Institution, Great Coram-street.

The directors of the Bank of England, on Thursday week, reduced the official rate of discount from 3½ per cent, at which it has stood since Nov. 30, to 3 per cent.

Yesterday week the finance committee of the Metropolitan Board of Works presented a report showing that the estimate of the sums required to be raised in the year 1872 was £223,251. The rates are levied upon a rental of nearly £20,000,000 sterling.

At the South Kensington Museum, on Saturday, Professor Duncan gave another of his lectures on "Instruction in Science and Art for Women"—the last but one of the series—on "Physiography." He continued his observations on the subject of volcanoes.

The *Medical Times* states that a sum approaching £400 has been received towards the Solly Testimonial Fund, which is to be applied to the establishment at St. Thomas's Hospital of an annual prize or scholarship bearing the late Mr. Solly's name. The prize is to be awarded for the best reports of surgical cases, preference being given to those accompanied by drawings.

The Speaker, not having recovered from the fatigue of last Session, feels unequal to the renewal of his laborious duties, and will retire from the chair soon after the meeting of Parliament. The right hon. gentleman, who is seventy-one years of age, was chosen Speaker without opposition in 1857, again in 1859, a third time in 1866, and for the fourth time in 1868.

Last week the total number of paupers in metropolitan workhouses was 35,275, and 87,816 received outdoor relief, making a total of 123,091. Compared with the corresponding week of the years 1870, 1869, and 1868, this was a decrease of 19,788, 27,207, and 19,913 respectively. The number of vagrants relieved was 917.

A meeting of the British and Colonial Emigration Society's committee was held at the Mansion House on Monday—the Lord Mayor presiding. Mr. Standish Haly, the hon. secretary, presented a report upon the results of his recent visit to Canada, which was listened to with much interest. In the course of the sitting it was mentioned incidentally that during the past three years the society had assisted more than 15,000 emigrants to reach Canada, and had expended £40,000.

The Duke of Edinburgh presided at a meeting of the executive committee of the Royal Albert Hall, held, at Kensington, on Wednesday, to discuss the details of a series of subscription concerts to be given in the hall, consisting of oratorios by the Sacred Harmonic Society, operatic concerts by Mr. J. H. Mapleson, choral concerts by M. Gounod, and popular concerts by Mr. Arthur S. Chappell. The Hon. Seymour Egerton, Mr. Arthur S. Chappell, and Mr. J. F. Puttick attended the meeting to give advice.

The competition at the Royal Academy of Music for the Westmorland Scholarship, the Potter Exhibition, and the prize violin, took place, on Tuesday, at the institution. The results were as follow:—Westmorland Scholarship, Miss Annie Butterworth, elected; Miss Jessie Jones and Miss Harford, highly commended. Potter Exhibition, Mr. William A. Howells, elected; Master Henry Walker, highly commended. Prize violin, adjudged to Mr. Frye Parker. Highly commended, and to receive a prize of a violin bow, Mr. Charles A. Howard.

A course of four lectures on the "Philosophy of Magic," adopted to a juvenile auditory, is in course of delivery at the London Institution by J. Cargill Brough, F.C.S., Principal Librarian of the institution. The first lecture, "On the Magic of Modern Conjurors," was given on Thursday. Lecture II., "The Magic of the Theatre," will be given on Thursday, Dec. 5; Lecture III., "The Magic of the Mediums," on Thursday, Jan. 4; and Lecture IV., "The Magic of the Laboratory," on Thursday, Jan. 11. The course is illustrated by mechanical conjuring tricks, optical illusions, pseudo-spiritual manifestations, and elucidatory scientific experiments.

In the metropolis last week 2263 births and 1212 deaths were registered—the former having been one below, and the latter 491 above the average. There were 106 deaths from smallpox, 97 from measles, 37 from scarlet fever, 7 from diphtheria, 99 from whooping-cough, 42 from different forms of fever (of which 9 were certified as typhus, 23 as enteric or typhoid, and 10 as simple continued fever), and 15 from diarrhoea. The fatal cases from measles and whooping-cough showed a further increase upon the numbers in recent weeks. The considerable increase of deaths last week was principally due to the greater fatality from bronchitis, to which 482 deaths were referred.

The annual returns of the Post Office (49th Middlesex) Rifle Volunteers show that out of the 769 men now in the regiment there is only one non-efficient, the large proportion of 734 having earned the extra grant.—The final contest this year for the marksmen's challenge cup of the Queen's (Westminster) was held last week at the Scrubbs ranges, when thirteen of the best shots of the regiment competed. The cup is held by Private Webber.—The A (Captain Laycock's) battery of the London Artillery Brigade competed last week, at the Bromley ranges, for the battery prizes. Sergeant M'Gill, Lieutenant Poole, and Bombardier Cape won the principal prizes.—The 36th Middlesex have again returned every man efficient, the number being 582.

By the direction of the Metropolitan Board of Works the following alterations in the names of streets in the metropolis will at once be made, and notice of the same forwarded to the Post-Office authorities:—Church-street, New North-road, Islington, to be re-named St. Philip-street; Stanley-street, Chelsea, to be called Ovington-street; Edward-street, Limehouse, to be called Blount-street; George-street, Kensington, to be re-named Bangor-street; George-street, Limehouse, to be known as Brenton-street; Margaret-street, Limehouse, to be re-named Lowell-street. The name of Charles-street, Portman-square, not to be altered to Infirmary-street. William-street, Limehouse, to be called Dakin-street. No alteration to be made in the name of the western portion of the Grove, Southwark. Vincent-street, Limehouse, to be re-named Halley-street; Manchester-street, Kensington, to be incorporated with Manchester-road; James-street, Limehouse, to be re-named Conder-street. No alteration will be made in the name of Holland-villas-road, Kensington. The names of Clifton-road and Clifton-road East, St. John's-wood, will not be altered to the name of Rowland Hill-road. Richard-street, Limehouse, to be called Cazley-street; Catherine-place, Limehouse, to be called Dupont-street. The houses in the above thoroughfare will be re-numbered, and the subsidiary names abolished; and this rule will be applied to Vincent-square, Westminster; Paradise-street, Marylebone; Walmer-road, Kensington; and St. Thomas's-road, South Hackney.

A deputation of tradesmen who object to the international exhibitions being turned into shops waited on her Majesty's Commissioners to state their views. Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P., introduced the deputation, and in doing so said that the system

of sales which had been allowed in the recent exhibition was not in accordance with the scheme which was so highly approved by the Prince Consort in 1851, and the object of which was to promote the arts and sciences and manufactures. The sale of articles out of the exhibition must tend to the injury of the exhibition, and would cause a great amount of annoyance. It was impossible that such a system could be carried on with justice to all the interests involved. It must produce an impression that there would be partiality in the selection of the individuals permitted to hold stalls, and it would ultimately end in the entire disintegration of the whole plan of exhibitions. Mr. Attenborough, Mr. Daniell, Mr. Copeland, and other gentlemen addressed the Commissioners at some length, and pointed out the injustice which was done to English traders by affording space and facilities for immediate sale in the exhibitions to foreign traders, they having to pay neither rent nor taxes, and being thus enabled to compete at a great advantage with home manufacturers. The Marquis of Ripon, in reply, said he was of opinion that the Commissioners had learned fully the views of the deputation; but, of course, they could not be expected to give an answer until they had given serious consideration to the subject.

LAW AND POLICE.

The Lords Justices, yesterday week, heard an appeal from a decision of Vice-Chancellor Malins, in which that learned Judge disallowed an application on the part of the official liquidator of the Credit Foncier and Mobilier to be admitted to prove for a sum of £10,000 in the winding up of the Marseilles Extension Railway and Land Company. Their Lordships reversed the judgment of the Vice-Chancellor, and allowed the claim.

Another decision of the same Judge was appealed against before the Lord Chancellor. By it the Oriental Financial Corporation had been held bound to pay certain bills of exchange accepted by them for twelve months on account of Mr. J. M'Henry, who guaranteed their payment at maturity. It was contended, on behalf of Overend, Gurney, and Co., that these were not accommodation bills, and that the corporation were not entitled to be released from their liability. This was the view taken by the Court below; but the judgment founded upon it was reversed by the Lord Chancellor.

Thursday week was the sixty-fifth day of the Tichborne trial. At the opening of the court the foreman of the jury handed in an anonymous letter which he had received. The Lord Chief Justice said that during the trial he had had hundreds, but that he never read them. His letters were opened by a clerk, and, if anonymous, were at once put aside. They came from the Continent, Ireland, and all parts, and it was on Monday mornings that there was an inundation of them. Colonel Stuart Wortley was further examined as to the photographs of the Chilean daguerreotype, and Sir William Fergusson as to the marks on the plaintiff's person. Mr. Charles Locock Webb, who was connected with the Chancery proceedings on behalf of the plaintiff was also called, and his cross-examination occupied the whole of the following day. His evidence was interesting, and had reference to the printing and publishing of the affidavits. A large number of documents, which have been referred to in the course of the protracted inquiry, were read on Monday. Further medical testimony was given as to certain defects and marks on plaintiff's body, said to correspond with similar marks known to have existed on Roger Tichborne before he left England. A number of depositions taken in Australia were read on Tuesday, to show that the claimant had passed there by the name of Castro, that that was understood to be an assumed name, and that Castro had continually affirmed that he belonged to a family of high position in England. Soon after two the Court adjourned for half an hour, during which the Judge, the jury, and other selected persons examined the marks upon claimant's body. The evidence on Wednesday was chiefly that which arose from the cross-examination of Dr. Sutherland. The other witnesses were Mr. J. F. Adams (recalled) as to certain deeds, and Mrs. Lausberg, a native of Poland, who left that country at the age of twenty, and now, being forty-four, could no longer speak the language. This evidence was objected to and disallowed. Mr. Wingfield, an artist, was then called to give a professional opinion as to the resemblance of the family portraits to the claimant. Lieutenant-Colonel Mackinnon's cross-examination was continued on Thursday. The Lord Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, Mr. Serjeant Ballantine, and the foreman of the jury bore high testimony to the ability and assiduity of Mr. Davis, the Associate's chief clerk. Some affidavits having been made, Mr. Serjeant Ballantine announced that the case on the part of the claimant was closed. The further hearing of the case is adjourned to Monday, Jan. 15.

Sir R. W. Carden called attention, at the Guildhall Police Court, to the dangerous practice of giving spirituous liquors to cabmen to such an extent as to render them intoxicated. He suggested that it would be much better for the generous "fares" to hand the men the equivalent in money, for in that way their families might be benefited.

A Welsh cattle-dealer was on Saturday last fined £100 at Brentford for having driven ten cows suffering from the foot and mouth disease with a herd of healthy cattle. A drover in his employment was fined £50 for a like offence.

The Rev. Joseph Wood, who is charged with forging an authority for £210 for the purpose of obtaining a grant from the Privy Council towards enlarging the National Schools at Clayton-le-Moors, was again brought up at Bow-street on Monday. The prisoner received the money and appropriated it to his own use. From the cross-examination of one of the witnesses it appeared that Mr. Wood was convicted some years ago of embezzling money belonging to a sick fund in the parish, and was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude, and it was apparently suggested on the part of the defence that the present charge had been brought forward for the purpose of preventing the prisoner from resuming his position as Incumbent of Clayton, the offence of which he is now accused having been committed before his previous conviction. Sir Thomas Henry committed him for trial, and refused to take bail.

William Anthony, the young man who is accused of having caused more than a hundred fires in London for the sake of a paltry reward, was tried, at the Central Criminal Court, last week. The prisoner was convicted on one indictment; and it was then stated that since his arrest the number of fires occurring in London "from unknown causes," which had previously numbered from twenty-five to thirty per month, had fallen to three. Mr. Justice Grove sentenced the prisoner to be kept in penal servitude for twelve years.

A heartless and cruel fellow was, on Wednesday, brought up at Guildhall for having robbed numerous little boys of their clothing. There were thirty-seven cases against him, and it was shown that in many instances he had soundly beaten his victims for weeping at the loss of their garments. Some of the children thus treated were only four years old. Sir Robert Carden said he intended to send the prisoner for trial.

WRECK OF THE RANGOON.

The Peninsular and Oriental Company's mail steam-ship *Rangoon*, conveying the passengers and mails from Australia, was lost in a most disgraceful manner on the 1st ult., being stupidly run upon the rocks while going out of Galle harbour, Ceylon, at half-past six o'clock in the evening, in the calmest weather, and sinking a few hours afterwards. The vessel was a screw steamer, of about 1776 tons, 450-horse power, built in 1863, and had, under Captain Skottowe, made two of the quickest trips on record between Sydney and Galle, arriving down last time six days before her contract date, and coming into Galle two days early. The ship was in charge of a local pilot at the time of this disaster, and had slackened speed, if not stopped, to allow the mail-boat to overtake her, with the Ceylon mails, before she started on her ocean voyage. There was a very powerful current, running at the rate of five miles an hour; and the steamer came under its influence to so great an extent, though imperceptibly, that before her dangerous position was observed she had drifted close to a beacon placed on the outer Kadir rock. The alarm was taken up by both captain and pilot when this was observed, but it was too late; the *Rangoon* was already alongside of the rock, and with two or three tremendous shocks she struck, knocking more than one hole in her plates aft, which holes at once began to leak. This left no time for anything but immediate action. Water was rushing in so fast that the only chance of keeping it under lay in the steam pumps and machinery being kept working. The engines were forthwith started, and preparations were made to land the passengers—ladies and children first—while bluelights, rockets, and signal guns were used to apprise the steamers in the harbour and the authorities ashore of the disaster. Unfortunately, the fact that the China steamer was expected, and that the *Rangoon* might meet her, interfered to prevent due attention being paid to either the rockets or the signal guns. They were regarded as the means used of signalling between the departing Australian and the incoming China steamer; and few people suspected any grounds for anxiety. In the mean time the *Rangoon* was got under way, to keep her afloat. She was turned in the direction of a couple of large sailing vessels, the *Berenice* and the *Sydenham*, lying from two to three miles off the harbour, and the passengers were got into the boats, amid some confusion, and were carried to these ships, with no more luggage than each could hold in his hands. At seven o'clock it was found by the chief engineer that his engine fires could not be kept lighted much longer, as the water was rapidly rising in the stoke-holes. The crews of the *Berenice* and *Sydenham* came to the assistance of the steamer. A boat was dispatched to the harbour for further aid; but, the engine-fires having collapsed, there was nothing further to be done for the *Rangoon*. The safety of crew, of mails, and luggage became the only consideration. The anchor was let go in about fifteen fathoms of water, and, to steady the vessel against the strong current, two sails were set, the wind being in the opposite direction to the current. Luggage and a portion of the mails were got into the boats, and, as the *Rangoon* was fast filling, all on board left her. At ten or half-past ten that evening the water was rushing across the maindeck with every heave of the vessel. The *Rangoon* lay parallel to the ship *Sydenham*, about 150 yards further out, the *Berenice* being still nearer the shore. On board these ships were the passengers, stewards, and company of the *Rangoon*. The captain, officers, and crew hovered round their gallant vessel in her boats, while closer in were native canoes, the occupants of which, at the risk of their lives, watched any articles swept off the decks, or even ventured on board to plunder the saloon and fore-cabins. The little steamers *Arrow* and *Hercules* now arrived, but it was too late to raise the *Rangoon's* anchor and take her in tow. It was a matter of surprise, in fact, how long she held out. About midnight, however, she began to settle down. Half an hour later there was a steady, though unexpected, plunge of the stern, and the *Rangoon* disappeared, all but her masts, which might still be seen, sticking up out of the water.

A report has been issued by the Amalgamated Society of Engineers in which the council express a belief that nearly the whole of the employers throughout the trade will have conceded the nine-hours' demand by Jan. 1.

The committee appointed to promote a testimonial to Mr. Bright from his admirers in the Staffordshire Potteries met at Hanley, on Tuesday evening, and decided to present to the right hon. gentleman a handsome ebony cabinet containing a collection of the choicest art-pottery from the workshops of Messrs. Minton and Co., Messrs. Copeland and Sons, and Messrs. Josiah Wedgwood and Sons. The subscriptions amount to about £350.

The boards of the Caledonian and North British Railway Companies have determined not to proceed with their Amalgamation Bill in the ensuing Session of Parliament, the details being so complicated that it is impossible to frame a measure likely to overcome the anticipated opposition. No hitch whatever has occurred in the negotiations between the two boards, and the bill, it is hoped, will be presented to Parliament in the next Session but one. In the meantime it is trusted the Glasgow and South-Western may see it to be for their interest to take part in the amalgamation.

There is a prospect (the *Manchester Guardian* says) that after all the county of Stafford will not retain the valuable library collected by the late Mr. William Salt. A letter has been forwarded to the Earl of Lichfield, in which Mrs. Salt expresses her great disappointment at the apathy shown by the county in not taking advantage of the proposed gift, made more than three years ago. She withdraws the offer, and expresses her intention to present the library to the Bodleian Library at Oxford, the custodians of which are ready to comply with her wishes. The county will, however, have another opportunity of securing these treasures of literature, and one of the new conditions is that the county shall raise in three months the sum of £6000 as a permanent endowment.

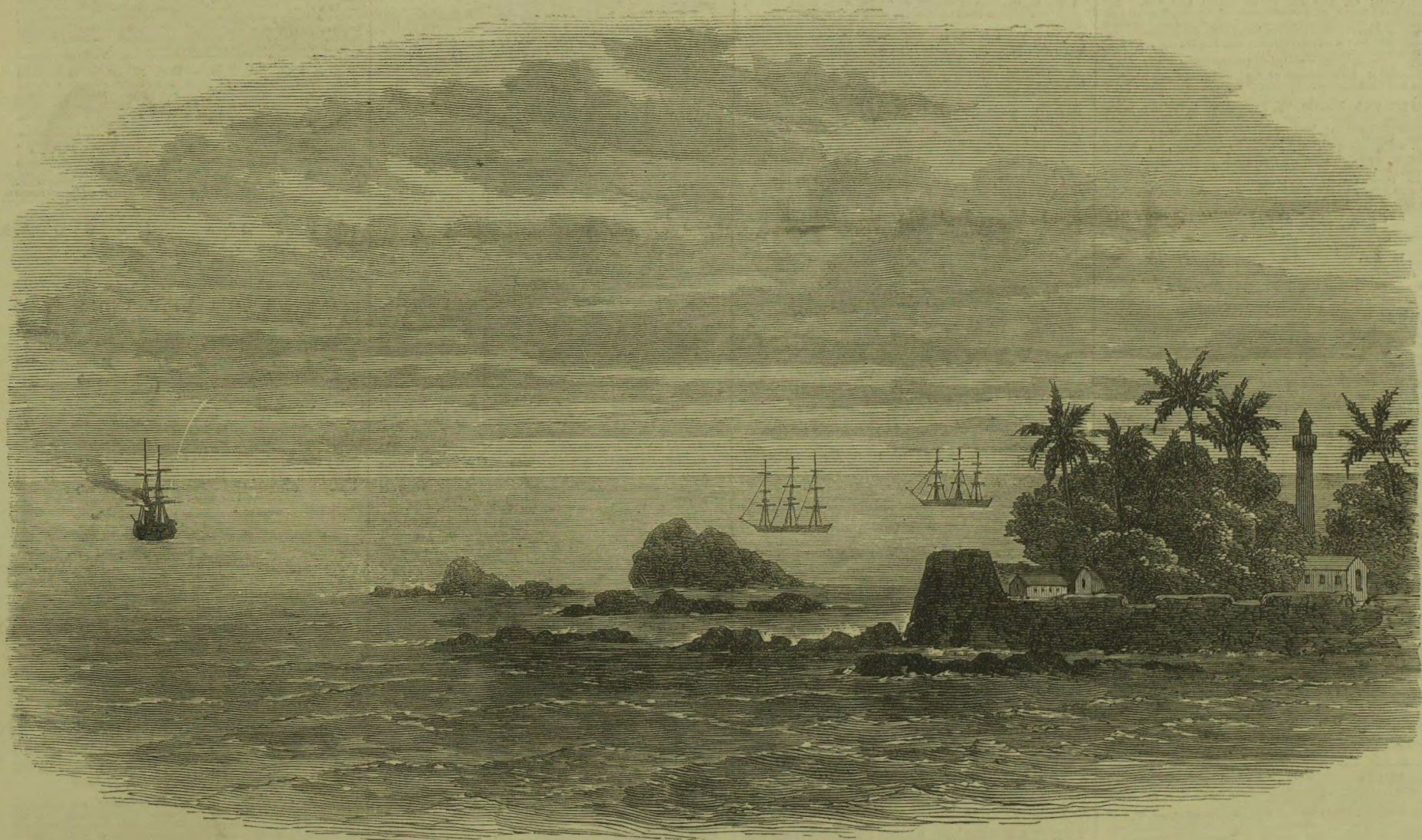
The accounts of her Majesty's Clothing Club at Windsor for the year 1871 have been made up. From these it appears there were 191 depositors of the first class paying 6d. per week for forty weeks, making £1 each, and a total of £191; 190 depositors of the second class, contributing 4d. a week for forty-five weeks, making 16s., with a total of £112 10s.; and 214 depositors of the third class, paying 2d. a week for forty-eight weeks, making 8s. each, or a total of £85 12s. The depositors thus numbered altogether 595, and paid in a total sum of £419 2s. To this amount her Majesty the Queen added her annual donation of £100, the sum of 3s. being given to each depositor. The money of these 595 depositors thus saved and increased by the Queen's donation is always expended in warm clothing for the winter. The manager is Mr. Alfred Stevenson. Her Majesty has given this £100 donation annually for many years—in fact, it is understood, since 1851. Her Majesty's New-Year's gifts to the poor of Windsor will be distributed on Jan. 1. These gifts consist of beef and coals.



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